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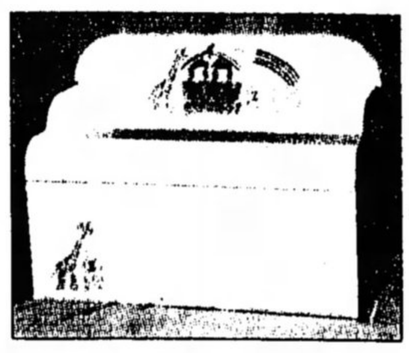
Troy's due to return

The Steelers aren't the same without Troy Polamalu, who's due to return to action on Sunday **1B**



Toy chest easy to do

It's easy to build a sturdy toy chest for the upcoming holiday season by following our simple directions. **5B**

INSIDE TODAY

Dems optimistic

As the Senate prepares for its upcoming historic vote on health care reform, every Democrat — and perhaps more than one Republican — will support legislation overhauling the nation's existing system, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee predicted Thursday. **5A**

SPORTS

Phillies win, 8-6

Brad Lidge, above, and the rest of the defending world champion Philadelphia Phillies knocked off the Dodgers, 8-6, in Game 1 of the National League Championship Series Thursday night. They square off again at 4 this afternoon on TBS. **2B**

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TOMORROW

Read all about tonight's high school football action Saturday in our sports section.

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Illegal to outwit slot machine?

Lawyer for men accused of fraud at The Meadows says no, but prosecutors have a different opinion.

By BOBBY KERLIK
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Attorneys for two of three men accused of rigging a poker machine in The Meadows Racetrack & Casino said Thursday that taking advantage of a glitch in a machine isn't a crime.

"If someone is smart enough to outwit a machine, is that a crime?" defense attorney Patrick Thomassey said. "I don't think it is. It might be cheating, but is it a crime?"

Thomassey's clients, Kerry Laverde, 49, and Andre Nestor, 37, both of Swissvale waived their rights to preliminary hearings before District Judge Jay Weller in North Strabane. Both entered pleas of not guilty. A preliminary hearing for Patrick Loushil, 42, of Brookline was postponed.

The men are charged with manipulating a poker machine at the casino to collect $429,945 in fraudulent payouts. Authorities said the men started the scam in June and were arrested last week.

Nestor's attorney, Washington County Public Defender Glenn Alterio, said he agreed with Thomassey.

"We're going to see if, in fact, a crime was committed," Alterio said. "It boils down to manipulating a machine."

Casino officials began to suspect the men when Nestor, posing as a "high roller," began frequenting the casino in late June, officials said. Laverde, a former Swissvale police officer, acted as Nestor's bodyguard, officials said.

District Attorney Steven Toprani disagreed with Thomassey's assessment.

"There was money made out to the three defendants that they weren't entitled to," Toprani said. "It sounds like good, old-fash-

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N. Charleroi man arrested with big blade at courthouse

Carl Miller nabbed with a cane that concealed a double-sided blade approximately 17 inches long.

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A North Charleroi man is charged with taking a cane with a 17-inch blade inside an entrance of the Westmoreland County Courthouse.

Carl Franklin Miller Jr., 47, of 542 Highland Ave., was arraigned Thursday before Magisterial District Judge James Albert on a prohibited offensive weapon charge.

Westmoreland County park police allege that Miller took the cane to the "lower park" courthouse entrance, where officers scan for weapons, at 8:39 a.m Aug. 25. He was told to put the cane through an X-ray scanning device.

"As I ran the cane through the X-ray machine, I did notice on the image displayed on the monitor that the cane did contain a large amount of metal that came to a point," states the affidavit written by Patrolman Benjamin Kremer.

"I then took possession of the cane for closer inspection and found that the handle unscrewed to reveal a double-sided blade approximately 17 inches in length."

Before entering the weapons scanning area, Miller would have passed at least two signs stating that weapons are not allowed in the courthouse, police said.

Miller said he bought the cane at a flea market and didn't know the blade was inside.

He is the same man cited Wednesday with driving under the influence of alcohol after Southwest Regional police said he drove his van through Belle Vernon while it was on fire.

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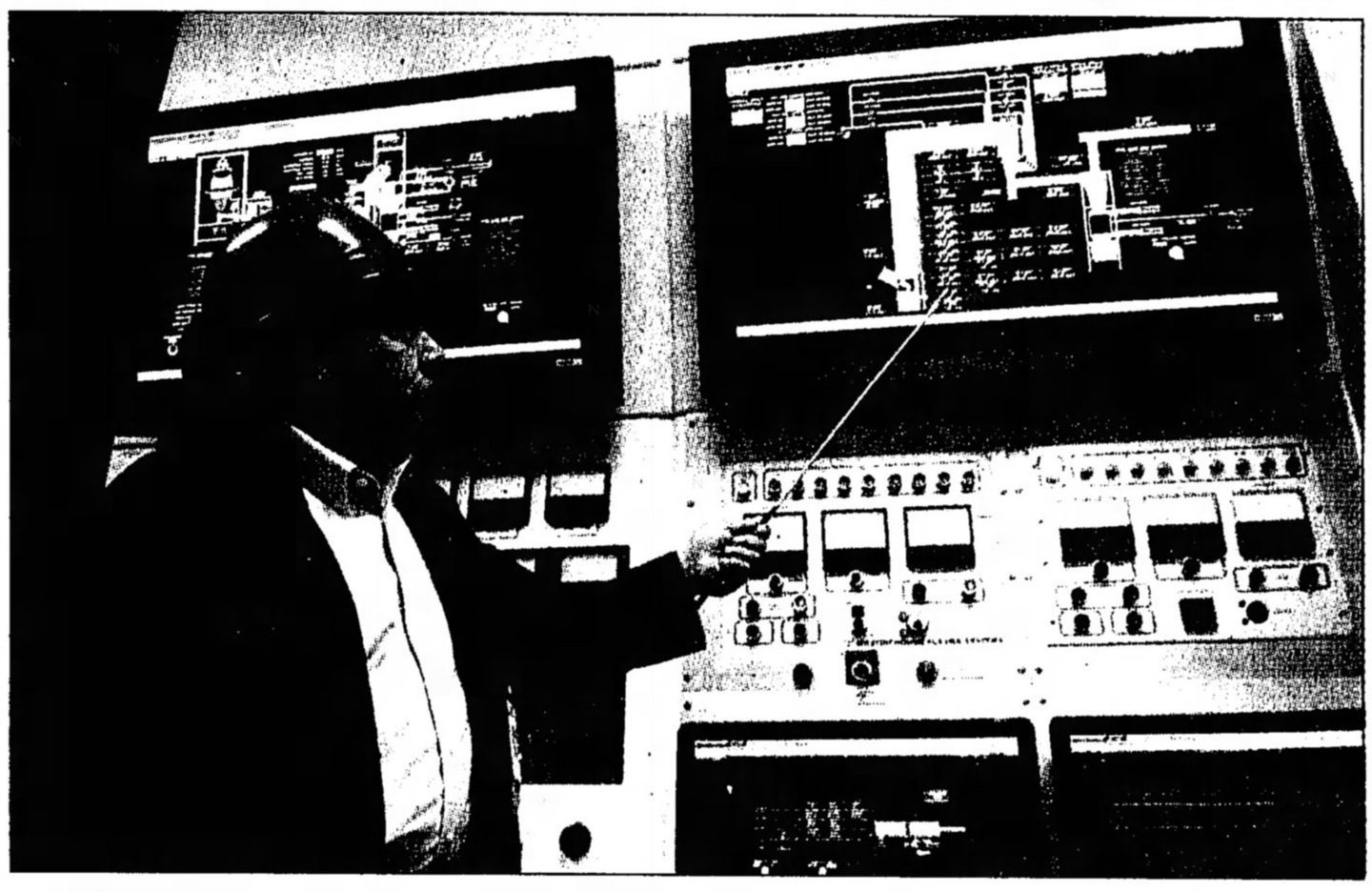

Sean Stipp/For The Valley Independent

Engineer Hector Cruz describes the production process in the control room of Coskata's near-scale ethanol production facility in Madison on Thursday.

Local refinery 'open for business'

Coskata Inc. puts its $30 million, state-of-the ethanol plant on display in Madison.

By RICH STOUFFER
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Coskata Inc. on Thursday unveiled a $30 million, second-generation ethanol-producing refinery in Madison, Westmoreland County, that is designed to burn old tires, plastics, concrete or solid waste as fuel, rather than strictly corn.

CEO Bill Roe said Warrenville, Ill.-based Coskata will move forward with an initial public stock offering that could happen as soon as the recession eases. The company has already raised about $70 million from private investors.

It will also proceed with construction of its first commercial-size flexible-fuel ethanol refinery. All engineering has been completed, a site in the Southeast has been selected, and an unidentified wood products company is eager to move forward as a partner, Roe said.

"We just want to make sure of our financing for the plant, which will produce about 55 million gallons of ethanol annually," Roe said. "The cost for such a plant will be in the $330 million to $340 million range."

The wood products' partner currently is providing wood chips as fuel to the Madison plant.

Behind Westinghouse Electric Co.'s Waltz Mill facility, Coskata yesterday introduced "Project Lighthouse," an open-air mass of piping and containers that the company and investors, including General Motors Co. and investment group The Blackstone Group, see as re-energizing ethanol production in America.

"Today we are saying that we're open for business," Roe said of the plant his company has been building and testing for more than a year.

The minimum-scale facility, able to produce 40,000 gallons a year, will allow Coskata to design and build the larger commercial plant, using the same but larger components, including a Westinghouse Plasma super-hot torch that converts fuel into synthetic gas. The Coskata process ferments the gas using proprietary micro-organisms that consume carbon monoxide and hydrogen and give off ethanol.

Coskata is confident it can produce fuel-grade ethanol at a price of around $1 a gallon, including all production costs.

Independent tests of Coskata's ethanol by Argonne National Laboratory found the process generates 7.7 times more energy than it uses to produce the fuel.

"We see biofuels as a near-term solution to offset rising vehicle energy demands and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Bob Babik, General Motors' vehicle emissions director, at yesterday's unveiling.

"We want 50 percent of all our models to be E85-capable, 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, by 2012," Babik said.

Boy feared in balloon safe

Authorities believed 6-year-old was in a runaway helium balloon, but he later was found hiding the family garage.

By The Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Richard Heene and his family have never been afraid of the spotlight as they made a name for themselves chasing down storms, starring in a reality TV show and experimenting with a series of unusual inventions including hovercraft, a weather-gathering flying saucer and a rocket launcher.

They found themselves at the center of yet another strange saga Thursday, when 6-year-old Falcon Heene vanished around the time that a homemade helium balloon floated away from their home, setting off a national panic as authorities scoured the plains of northern Colorado for the youngster.

As it turns out, he was hiding in the rafters of the family's garage the whole time.

The disappearance and sudden discovery of the boy have raised questions about whether it was all an elaborate attention-getting stunt orchestrated by the Heenes or simply a bizarre case of a child who ran away and hid after getting spooked by a scolding from his father.

Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said authorities do not believe at this point if it was a hoax but he would meet with investigators today to decide whether to look into the matter further.

Asked during an impromptu news conference outside his house whether the incident was a stunt, Richard Heene said: "That's horrible. After the crap we just went through. No. No, no, no."

It was five hours from the time the oldest boy reported that Falcon, the youngest, had climbed into a saucer-shaped balloon that had drifted off, setting off a search that included military helicopters and a plan to either lower a person to the craft of place weights on the balloon to bring it down. Officials rerouted planes around the balloon's flight path and briefly shut down Denver International Airport.

Heene said the family was tinkering with the balloon Thursday and that he scolded Falcon for getting inside a compartment on

(See BALLOON, Page 2A)

Associated Press

Six-year-old Falcon Heene is shown with his father, Richard, as they emerge from the family's home in Fort Collins, Colo., after Falcon Heene was found hiding in a box in a space above the family garage on Thursday.

VALLEY PEOPLE

'Sweat lodge' deaths under investigation

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — The deaths of two people during a sweat lodge ceremony led by self-help expert James Arthur Ray are being investigated as homicides, authorities said Thursday.

Yavapai County Sheriff Steve Waugh said the deaths last week of Kirby Brown, 38, of Westtown N.Y. and James Shore, 40, of Milwaukee were not accidental.

"A combination of circumstances led to the deaths," Waugh said. "Whether or not we can prove a criminal case, that has yet to be determined."

Waugh said investigators are looking at the way the sweat lodge was built, the fact that people had fallen ill at previous sweat ceremonies led by Ray, and questionable medical care on site. Authorities have said a nurse hired by Ray was directing rescue efforts including CPR when emergency crews arrived.

Ray is the primary focus of the probe but others also are being investigated, the sheriff said.

Ray's spokesman, Howard Bragman, said the sheriff's use of "homicide" to characterize the investigation was irresponsible and a rush to judgment.

"I find it very interesting the police are trying to escalate the case in the media," Bragman told reporters.

Slots case (FROM PAGE ONE)

ioned theft to me."

From late June through August, Nestor, Laverde and Loushil visited the casino 15 times, authorities said.

The investigation showed Nestor repeatedly used "a complex series of button presses and screen changes to cause the slot machine to have an error in its programming. This resulted in the machine displaying a false jackpot," according to the grand jury presentment.

Nestor always manipulated the poker machine alone, but all three men cashed the winning checks, authorities said.

Toprani denied that gambling safeguards were too easily bypassed by the three men.

"In my opinion, the safeguards did work. The Gaming Control Board alerted the state police," Toprani said.

Weller lowered bail for the two men to $100,000, at 10 percent, meaning Laverde and Nestor must post $10,000 apiece to get out of jail.

Blade (FROM PAGE ONE)

That charge will be filed in Magisterial District Judge Jesse Cramer's Belle Vernon office, police said.

During his arraignment yesterday, Miller told Albert that he recently was a patient in a Veteran's Administration hospital. He didn't elaborate, except to say he suffered injuries while serving in the Navy.

He is free on $7,500 unsecured bond. His preliminary hearing will be held before Albert.

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The Fayette County 10 Year Strategic Plan revision is underway

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME (PM)	LOCATION
Fairchance	Oct 19	6:30 - 8:30	Fairchance Borough
Bullskin	Oct 20	6:30 - 8:30	Municipal Building
Dunbar	Oct 22	6:30 - 8:30	Fire Dept. Social Hall
Uniontown	Oct 27	2:00 - 4:00	First Niagra Bank Bldg. formerly National City
Uniontown	Oct 27	6:30 - 8:30	VFW #47
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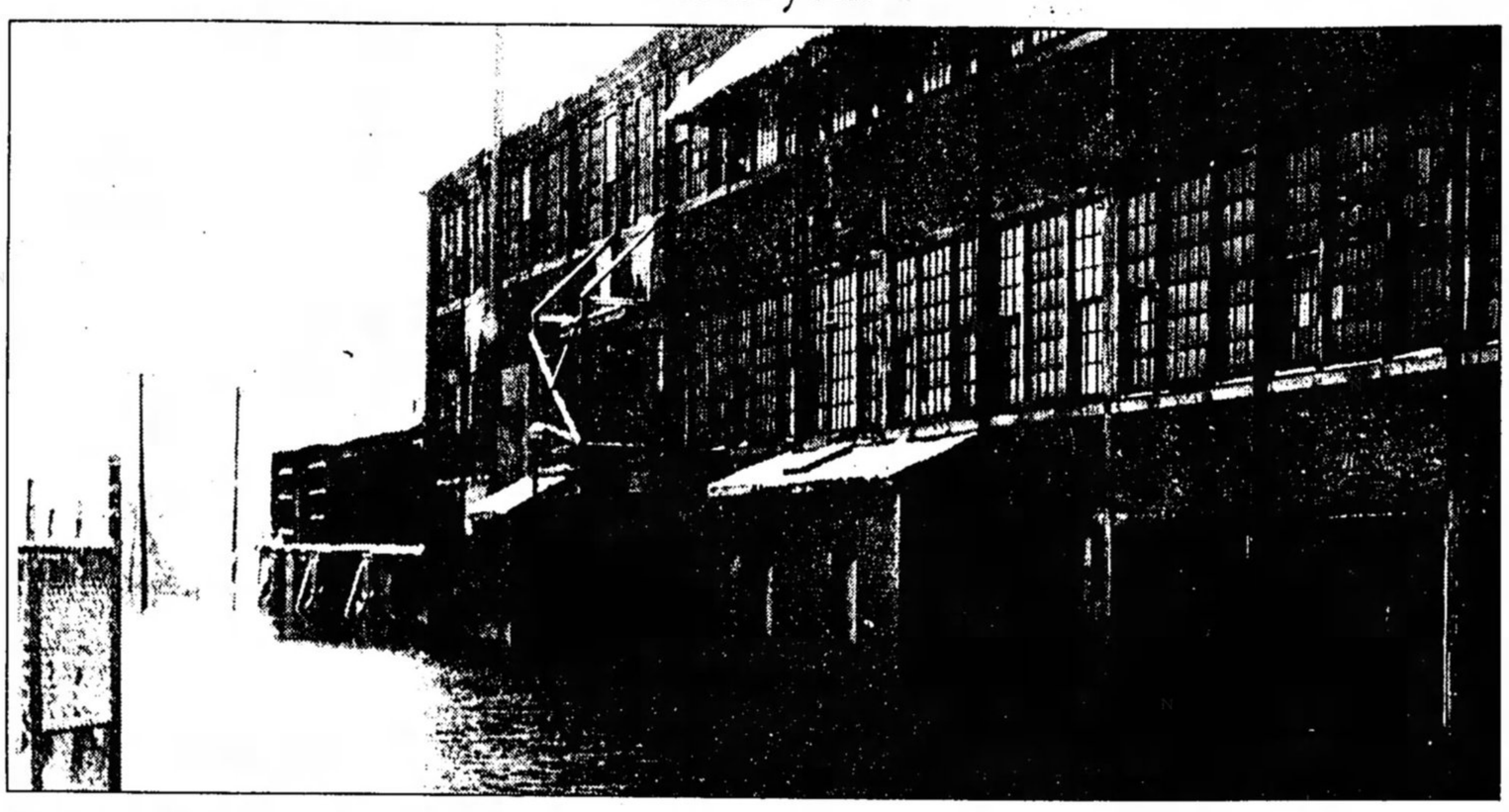

Page's Steel and Wire, Monessen, is shown during a flood in 1967. The photo was submitted by Yvonne Koeper, of Nokomis, Fla., whose father, John Cavanaugh, worked at Page's for 48 years.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 40 Low 35	High 45 Low 33	High 55 Low 38	High 62 Low 42	High 63 Low 43

Associated Press

An investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, right, and an unidentified police officer inspect the scene where a balloon landed in a field southeast of Hudson, Colo., on Thursday. The homemade balloon aircraft floated away from a yard in Fort Collins after a 6-year-old boy was reported seen climbing in, setting off a frantic scramble by the military and law enforcement before the balloon slowly touched down without the boy inside. The boy was later found in the attic of his home.

Balloon (FROM PAGE ONE)

the craft. It was designed to hover about 50 to 100 feet from the ground but it broke loose from its tether.

Falcon's brother said he had seen him inside the compartment before it took off and that's why they thought he was in there when it launched. But the boy had gone to the garage rafters at some point and was never in the balloon during its two-hour, 50-mile journey through two counties.

"I was in the attic and he scared me because he yelled at me," Falcon said. "That's why I went in the attic."

The Heenes aren't the types to shy from attention, with boys featured in a rap music video on YouTube and the whole family appearing on the ABC show "Wife Swap."

The show promoted the Heene family as storm chasers who also "devote their time to scientific experiments that include looking for extraterrestrials and building a research-gathering flying saucer to send into the eye of the storm."

During a live interview with CNN, Falcon said he had heard his family calling his name.

"You did?" the boy's mother, Mayumi Heene, said.

Falcon Heene

"Why didn't you come out?" Richard Heene said.

Falcon answered, "You had said that we did this for a show."

Later, Richard Heene bristled when the family was asked to clarify and said he didn't know what his son meant. He didn't ask his son what he meant by "a show."

"I'm kind of appalled after all the feelings that I went through, up and down, that you guys are trying to suggest something else," Richard Heene said.

After the CNN interview, Richard Heene told KUSA-TV in Denver that he thought his son was referring to earlier in the day when he showed reporters his hiding spot. He didn't return a message from The Associated Press.

Neighbor Bob Licko, 65, Licko said that while the balloon floated over Colorado Thursday, Mayumi Heene seemed distraught.

Richard Heene said he called the Federal Aviation Administration first before calling 911.

The saucer-like craft tipped precariously at times before gliding to the ground in a field.

With the child nowhere in sight, investigators searched the balloon's path. Several people reported seeing something fall from the craft while it was in the air, and yellow crime-scene tape was placed around the home.

Then, came news that Falcon had been hiding in a box in rafters in the garage.

When you come home ...

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Valley briefs

Part of turnpike to close 5 hours

A 65-mile section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike is to close for five hours starting late Saturday and going into early Sunday so some overhead bridges can be demolished.

Traffic going between the Breezewood and Carlisle exits is to be detoured starting at 11 p.m. Saturday, adding an estimated 30 minutes of travel time to the trip. The detour should be over by 4 a.m. Sunday.

The closure also affects at the three interchanges between Carlisle and Breezewood. There will be no entry at Blue Mountain and Willow Hill and westbound-only entry at Fort Littleton.

There are also plans to reduce traffic to a single lane for preparation and cleanup near the blast sites starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Things should be back to normal by 8 a.m. Sunday.

Local woman hurt in accident

A West Newton woman remained in critical condition today after sustaining injuries in a one-vehicle accident in Rostraver late Wednesday, police said.

The accident occurred as Jessica Weyandt, 31, of 1117 High St., was traveling north shortly after 9 p.m. on Route 201 in a 1995 black Jeep Grand Cherokee near A Loving Impression floral shop and Pollock Run Road, Rostraver police said.

Weyandt lost control of the vehicle, which skidded off the road and overturned at the Route 201/Pollock Run Road intersection, police said.

She was transported by medical helicopter to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, police said.

Man charged in mom's death

A Greensburg man has been charged with neglecting his disabled mother who weighed just 70 pounds when she died of burns caused when her cigarette caught her oxygen supply on fire.

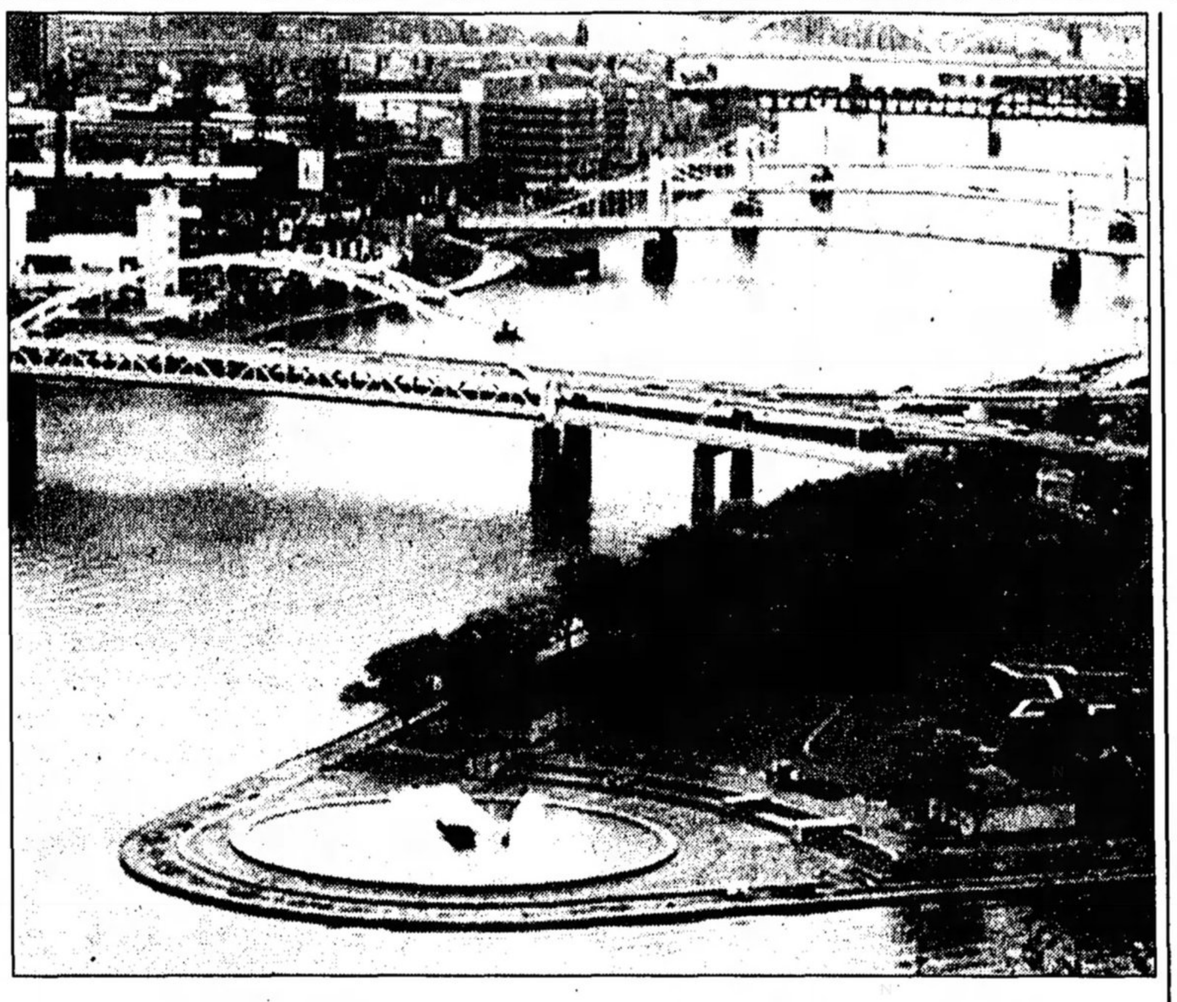
Police say 53-year-old Rosemary McCurdy died Dec. 26 after suffering facial burns from a "flash fire." The woman had multiple sclerosis and was bedridden for five years when she was burned Dec. 21.

Police say 22-year-old Victor McCurdy didn't take her to the hospital until five days after she was burned. He was arraigned Thursday on charges of involuntary manslaughter and neglect of care to a dependent person.

Police say McCurdy told them his mother didn't like hospitals, but he finally called an ambulance the day she died.

He has pleaded not guilty.

Court records don't list a defense attorney.



Heidi Murrin/For The Valley Independent

The Point State Park fountain likely will continue to be the focal point of the Pittsburgh skyline thanks to a fund drive aimed at fnancing the kind of major overhaul needed to guarantee that it's around for years to come. The drive got a big boost earlier this week, when the Colcom Foundation announced it will match up to $1 million raised before Nov. 24 by the newly formed Friends of the Fountain Campaign.

Mon River water exceeds standards for taste, odor

Condition won't cause illness in humans, but area residents may opt to use bottled water until normalcy returns.

For The Valley Independent

Levels of total dissolved solids, or TDS, in the Monongahela River have once again exceeded the water quality standard for taste and odor established by state and federal authorities, the state Department of Environmental Protection has announced.

"DEP is working closely with water suppliers to monitor TDS levels on the Monongahela," said Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger. "Already 12 monitors, funded in part by DEP, have been installed on the river and its tributaries.

"The resulting data will create an early-warning system for water suppliers and industry and draw a sharper focus on the river's water quality," he added.

Concerned residents may opt to use bottled water for drinking and preparing food until the levels of TDS decrease to normal levels.

While increased TDS levels generally won't make people sick, they give the water an offensive smell and tend to cause spots on glassware in dishwashers.

Water treatment plants are not equipped to remove TDS from drinking water and therefore the increased levels may cause drinking water to taste salty.

Conductivity readings taken at U.S. Geological Survey gages along the Monongahela and analytical data provided by Carnegie Mellon University show that TDS levels began exceeding 500 parts per million on Sept. 22 near Crucible, Greene County.

Over the last two weeks, additional violations of the 500 ppm standard have been documented as far downstream as Elizabeth.

The total river length currently affected is 46 miles.

The highest TDS levels documented this fall were at Brownsville on Sept. 29, when a level of 577 ppm was found.

TDS, peaked on Oct. 10 at roughly 600 ppm TDS, at Elizabeth.

As was done last year, lab results from water samples taken will be posted to the DEP Web site.

TDS is a measure of all elements dissolved in water and can include carbonates, chlorides, sulfates, nitrates, sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium.

Sources of TDS can include sewage treatment plants, stormwater runoff, metal mining, mining, abandoned mine drainage, meat packing plants, vegetable processing plants, grain milling plants, bakeries, beverage processing facilities, agricultural chemical manufacturing, oil and gas drilling, petroleum refining, leather processing, primary metal industries, fabricated metal products, electric services, refuse systems, scrap and waste material industries.

The department, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has established secondary maximum contaminant levels of 500 ppm of TDS for the commonwealth's drinking water and waterways.

Last fall, for the first time since data has been collected, TDS levels in more than 90 miles of the river exceeded 500 ppm with levels in excess of 900 ppm recorded.

In April 2009 DEP released a proposed strategy for new discharges of high TDS wastewater to meet an effluent standard of 500 ppm by January 2011.

These new standards were approved by the Environmental Quality Board on Aug. 18, and will be available for public comment later this year.

Rostraver developer contradicts residents on water drainage $$

He claims cost estimates by Cedar Hills condominium owners are inaccurate.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP - The developer of Cedar Hills Condominiums has contradicted residents' claims that a planned storm water system in their development would place a financial burden on them.

Cedar Hills Condominium Association member Joyce Grenci told the township supervisors at their Oct. 7 meeting that the proposed drainage system in the final phase of the plan would add "thousands of dollars" to the association's annual budget that would create "a logistical and financial nightmare."

The residents split the cost of the association's $240,000 annual budget.

Because the association refused to allow the township to take over the roads about four years ago, the residents will be responsible for maintaining the storm water system.

In 1996, New Belle Construction Inc. in Belle Vernon began the $25 million project to build 114 total units.

Phase 8 involves the construction of 22 units and the installation of the underground drainage system.

New Belle owner Jim Kelly said the cost to the residents would be minimal.

"They're really misinformed," he said of the residents who spoke at the commissioners' meeting. "The only storm water going into this system is from their roof drains into the gutters, so there's really no debris that's going to get in there.

"It's not going to be anything that they think. All we are putting down in there is clean water ... there should not be any issue as far as debris. "Their estimation in cost is really not accurate. It could be years before anything had to be done, and it could be forever that anything had to be done."

Kelly also disputed comments at the meeting that it was his choice to install what Grenci called a "complex" system.

"It's not up to me and I didn't pick the system," he said. "The township and DEP have mandated that we do infiltration along with retention ponds.

"This had just been mandated this past year."

Kelly said he had no choice but to install the system.

"This is what DEP wants," he said. "They want this water to go down into this infiltration system and infiltrate into the ground. On a normal rain, this system could take the water and none of the water would run to the retention pond. If we get a 100-year flood and the infiltration can't take it fast enough, it would overflow and be directed to the retention pond.

"This is going to cost me probably another $50,000 to $60,000. So believe me, I didn't want to put it in. But, it's something that DEP handed down and Rostraver Township adopted it, so that's what you have to do."

Former prison supervisor seeking to get job back

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
For The Valley Independent
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A former Westmoreland County Prison supervisor, fired after officials implicated him in the fallout from an alleged beating of an inmate, wants his job back.

Jonathon Billheimer, of Scottdale, was one of four jail employees fired in July by the prison board in the aftermath of a complaint lodged by an inmate, who said he was severely beaten by two guards. Billheimer was fired for allegedly encouraging a guard to lie during an internal investigation, according to county officials.

His attorney, Anthony DeBernardo, said a decision issued this week by a state Unemployment Compensation Board of Review referee — which absolved Billheimer of wrongdoing — warranted his return to the job.

(See JAIL JOB, Page 4A)

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CHRISTY — William A. Christy, 67, of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

DORMO — Paul Dormo, 89, of Bentleyville, on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

GACY — Stella (Vivashik) Gacy, 87, of Bentleyville, on Thursday, Oct. 8. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

ZWIREK — Mike Zwirek, 83, of Ellsworth, on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
HEPNER, Helen*
SABATINI, Richard L.*
*** See death notice**

William F. Bova
Monongahela

William F. Bova, 68, of Monongahela, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, in UPMC Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Extension, Donora, PA, 15033, (724) 379-6900, where funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, with Rev. William Bailey officiating.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

William A. Christy
Monongahela

William A. Christy, 67, of Monongahela, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, in Monongahela-Valley Hospital. Born July 9, 1942, in Fredericktown, he was the son of the late Harry and Annetta (Haver) Christy. A 1960 graduate of Beth Center High School, he earned a degree in history from California State Teachers College and received a master's degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh. Bill worked from 1967 to 1997 for the Department of Public Welfare in Washington, Pa., until his retirement. He was a member and manager of the world Champion, Sol-Mintz USSSA softball team in Washington, Pa., during the the 1970's, he was a member of the USSSA and Washington County Sports Hall of Fame. Highlights of his officiating career included officiating in the NAIA National Softball Championship and the PIAA volleyball, softball, and basketball state championship games. He also served as an NCAA basketball, softball, and volleyball sports official and was supervisor of officials for the COA, ECAC, PIAA, WVIAC, and PSAC. Most recently, he served as an Officials Technical Advisor for several Division I, II, and III basketball and volleyball conferences. Everything he accomplished as an official and supervisor was for the betterment of the game and, more importantly, the student athletes. He is survived by three children, Christopher M. Christy of Warrenton, Va.; Tricia and husband, Ron Celaschi, of Belle Vernon; and Haverly and husband, Jon Ramaci, of Charleston, S.C.; three grandchildren, Dominic and Gabrielle Celaschi and Benjamin Ramaci. Also surviving is the mother of his children, Patricia Christy, of Beallsville; a stepson, Joseph D. Ring and his wife, Dawn Davis, their children, Darrian Wyandt and Chance, and Braidy Ring, all of Monongahela. Preceding him in death was his wife, Lorene M. Christy, who passed away May 16, 2009; his brother, Mac Christy; his aunt, Genevieve Haver; and an infant son. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and whose lives he touched, especially his grandchildren. Friends are invited to attend a memorial service 10 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 21, 2009, in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Monongahela, with Fr. Joseph Feltz as celebrant. The MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela, (724) 258-6767, marshall-marrafunereralhome.com , is in charge of the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Helen Hepner
West Newton

Helen Hepner, 87, of West Newton, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, in Westmoreland Regional Hospital. She was born April 17, 1922, in Webster, the daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Yencek) Kalko. A homemaker, Helen was a member of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township. She is survived by her brother, Joseph Kalko, of Lowber; sister, Martha McNeil, of Elizabeth; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Hepner, on Nov. 18, 2005; and by several brothers and sisters. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and until 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, 724-929-7934. www.jamesstumpfuneral-home.com. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Township, with her pastor, the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli, presiding. Interment will follow in West Newton Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Richard Lee Sabatini
Fallowfield Township

Richard Lee Sabatini, 74, of Fallowfield Township, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009. Born May 7, 1935, a son of the late Oscar and Edith Morris Sabatini, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Sabatini. He is survived by his children: Rick (Cathy) Sabatini of Humble, Texas; Ron (Stephanie) Sabatini of Murrieta, Calif.; Terri Sabatini (Pete Cupari) of Fallowfield Township; and Dan (Melissa) Sabatini of Belle Vernon; his grandchildren: Nicole Sabatini of Fullerton, Calif.; Angela (Morgan) Knight of Kingwood, Texas; Ricky Sabatini of Humble, Texas; a great-grandson, Preston Knight of Kingwood, Texas; and an aunt, Anna Mary (Louis) Marra of Belle Vernon. Better known as "Dick" by those that loved him, he was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, a retired Teamster of 20 years, a life member of the Fallowfield Township Fire Department, the Charleroi American Legion Post 22, the Otters Club and served as the financial secretary of the Charleroi Sportsman's Club. Anyone who knew Dick would attest to his avid love of tractors, and his garage is a testament to that collection. Dick continued to support the St. Judes Children's Hospital every month. In honor of Dick, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Judes. Dick will be greatly missed by all. Friends will be received Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-5300), www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home Saturday at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Suzanne Currie officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Retired beer truck driver Frank Ferrira, 90, talks about social security at the Pembroke Pines, Fla. Southwest Focal Senior Center. There will be no cost-of-living increase for more than 50 million Social Security recipients next year, the first year without a raise since automatic adjustments were adopted in 1975.

Seniors to feel pain of SS freeze

No increase in checks means more crimping for the elderly.

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. (AP) — If her check were bigger, 76-year-old Agnes Conti might be able to spring for a better cut of meat for her pot roast. She could afford to send her nine grandchildren more than $20 for their birthdays and Christmas. She'd be able to spring for some nice new clothes, like she sees on QVC, not what she settles for at Walmart.

If only. The government has said the Social Security checks Conti and tens of millions of other seniors rely on as their primary source of income will not increase next year as consumer prices have fallen overall. And while the retired hospital clerk will get by, she'll be watching her spending even closer, knowing she can't expect the annual raise she's been accustomed to.

"We were good citizens all our lives. We went to work, we lived by the book, we weren't on welfare, we didn't ask the city for anything," Conti said while taking a break from crafts at a senior center here. "And what do we get?"

At the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center in this Fort Lauderdale suburb, seniors lamented the cost-of-living freeze, praised a White House plan for $250 checks to soften the blow, but took all of the news in stride, saying they've had a lifetime of experience living on a fixed income and would manage with the money they currently receive.

Frank Ferreira sits in the center's lobby, near a decorative fireplace and an autumn centerpiece. The 90-year-old retired truck driver loves to sing, even practicing on a karaoke machine at home, and loves to dance even more. He gets about $890 a month from Social Security, most of which he hands over to his daughter to help pay his share of the bills.

The money isn't the biggest issue, Ferreira said. It's the message the government is sending about caring for seniors.

"I could use a little more, but that's all right, I get along," he said. "But I think that we deserve it, the elderly. You can't just discard them. You've got to help them."

Nearby, 89-year-old Miriam Danzinger is shuffling along with a walker. She gets about $1,300 monthly in Social Security, and after rent and other expenses, including a MediGap plan, she has little to spare. Her daughter helps pay her bills.

When her Chevrolet Cavalier broke down a few months back, Danzinger was forced to give it up. When she goes to the store, she's thrifty, having learned how to cut grocery costs when she ran a coffee shop. She lives as simply as possible.

The freeze in next year's checks is the first since automatic Social Security cost-of-living increases were adopted in 1975, and follows a 5.8 percent increase in January, the largest since 1982. By law, the adjustments are pegged to inflation, which is negative this year because of lower energy costs.

Study says no Tylenol for vaccinated babies

The Associated Press

Giving babies Tylenol to prevent fever when they get childhood vaccinations may backfire and make the shots a little less effective, surprising new research suggests.

It is the first major study to tie reduced immunity to the use of fever-lowering medicines. Although the effect was small and the vast majority of kids still got enough protection from vaccines, the results make "a compelling case" against routinely giving Tylenol right after vaccination, say doctors from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

They wrote an editorial accompanying the study, published in Friday's issue of the British medical journal, Lancet.

The study only looked at preventive use of Tylenol — not whether it is OK to use after a fever develops.

Tylenol or its generic twin, acetaminophen, is widely recommended as a painkiller for babies. Many parents give it right before or after a shot to prevent fever and fussiness, and some doctors recommend this. The CDC's vaccine advisory panel says it is a reasonable thing to do for children at high risk of seizures, which can be triggered by fevers.

However, fever after a vaccine isn't necessarily bad — it's a natural part of the body's response. Curbing fever, especially the first time a baby gets a vaccine, also seems to curb the immune response and the amount of protective antibodies that are made, the new study found.

It was led by military and government scientists in the Czech Republic and was done at 10 medical centers in that Eastern European country. It involved 459 healthy infants, 9 to 16 weeks old, who were getting vaccines against polio, pneumonia, meningitis, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis and other childhood diseases.

Half were given three doses of Calpol, or paracetamol — a Tylenol-like brand sold in Europe — during the first day after vaccination. The others were given nothing besides the vaccines.

Babies given the painkiller were significantly less likely to develop a fever — 42 percent versus 66 percent of the others — and very few in either group developed a high one.

Lower rates of protective antibody levels from several vaccines were seen in the group given the drug. Levels remained significantly lower in this group after booster vaccines, given when the babies were 12 to 15 months old.

Jail job (FROM PAGE THREE)

"A reading of the findings in their entirety demonstrate that at all times Sgt. Billheimer acted appropriately and with the best interest of his employer in mind," DeBernardo wrote in a letter mailed yesterday to the prison board.

The board fired Billheimer, guard Steven Greenawalt, of North Huntingdon, and sergeants Randy Miller, of Greensburg, and Marc Hutchinson, of North Huntingdon. It accepted the resignations of Christopher Pickard, of West Leechburg, and Craig Petrus, whose hometown is not listed in county records.

Those firings and resignations resulted from the alleged assault on June 8 of James Edwards, 27, of Austin, Texas, formerly of New Kensington. Edwards was in New Kensington when he was jailed for an alleged parole violation.

Edwards claimed he was taken from his cell for talking back to Pickard and was assaulted by Greenawalt while Miller, Petrus and Pickard stood by. Prison board members fired Billheimer for allegedly advising Pickard to lie during an internal investigation.

Unemployment referee Jack Carson wrote that testimony he heard in August revealed Billheimer did not instruct Pickard to lie, but told him to do what was necessary to not get involved in any wrongdoing.

Carson ruled Billheimer was eligible to receive unemployment benefits from the county because his actions did not amount to willful misconduct.

Commissioner Tom Ceraso, who serves as chairman of the prison board, could not be reached for comment.

A criminal investigation into the matter is ongoing.

Westmoreland County District Attorney John Peck, who serves on the prison board, said investigators are waiting for Edwards to be released from a jail in Texas so he can be interviewed. Medical records from a Texas corrections facility need to be reviewed, he said.

"We believe there are X-rays that may show injuries he suffered while in Pennsylvania," Peck said.

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DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson

The following cases were presented before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson of Monongahela, this week:

■ Melissa Nelson, 25, of 922 Chess St., Monongahela, was charged with disorderly conduct and public drunkenness Aug. 18 by Donora police. She was found guilty of the disorderly conduct charge and not guilty of public drunkenness.

■ Peter Renninger, 53, of 714 Maple Drive, Monongahela, was charged with disorderly conduct and public drunkenness Sept. 12 by Carroll Township police. He was found guilty.

■ Anthony Kash, 20, of 417 High St., Monongahela, was charged with underage drinking Sept. 20 by Carroll Township police. He was found guilty.

■ Marion Sue Fisher, 47, of 318 Downer St., Monongahela, was charged with DUI Sept. 3 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Terry Foster, 55, of 424 Oakland Ave., Apt. 1, Charleroi, was charged with DUI and traffic violations Aug. 15 by Carroll Township police. The case was held for court.

POLICE LOG

Rostraver Twp.

■ Jason S. Evans, 20, of 139 McKean Ave., Charleroi, was charged with possession of a controlled substance (prescription pills) and public drunkenness after an incident 5:48 p.m. Oct. 2 on Broad Avenue in Belle Vernon.

■ Jessica Weyandt, 31, of 1117 High St., West Newton, was injured when she lost control of her vehicle 9:08 p.m. Wednesday on Route 201. Police said Weyandt was traveling southbound when her 119 Jeep Grand Cherokee skidded off the road and overturned at the intersection of Route 201 and Pollock Run Road. Weyandt was taken to Allegheny General Hospital by medical helicopter.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Oct. 16th, the 289th day of 2009. There are 76 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 16, 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 men in a raid on Harpers Ferry in western Virginia, where they seized a U.S. arsenal in hopes of sparking a slave revolt. (In the siege that followed, 10 of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers ended up being captured; all were executed.)

On this date:

■ In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

■ In 1909, the Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series, defeating the Detroit Tigers 8-0 at Bennett Park in Game 7.

■ In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic, in the New York borough of Brooklyn. (The clinic ended up being raided by police and Sanger was arrested.)

■ In 1939, the comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, opened on Broadway.

■ In 1959, American military leader and statesman George C. Marshall died in Washington, D.C., at age 78.

■ In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

■ In 1968, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos sparked controversy at the Mexico City Olympics by giving "black power" salutes during a victory ceremony after they'd won gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.

■ In 1969, the New York Mets capped their miracle season by winning the World Series, defeating the Baltimore Orioles 5-3 in Game 5 played at Shea Stadium.

■ In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

■ In 1991, a deadly shooting rampage took place in Killeen, Texas, as George Hennard opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own life.

■ **Ten years ago**: A 7.1-magnitude earthquake in the Mojave Desert shook three states and derailed an Amtrak train, but caused no serious damage or injuries.

■ **Five years ago**: The Soyuz spacecraft was forced to manually dock with the international space station after it closed in on the station at a dangerously high speed.

■ **One year ago**: A volatile Wall Street pulled off another stunning U-turn, transforming a 380-point loss for the Dow Jones industrial average into a 401-point gain.

Associated Press

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, center, flanked by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., right, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., speaks about health care reform legislation on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Baucus: All Senate Democrats will support health care reform

Montana Democrat also predicts more than one Republican will vote in favor of plan.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When it comes time to vote, every Democrat in the Senate — and perhaps more than one Republican — will support legislation overhauling the nation's health care system, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee predicted Thursday.

That assertion by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., was a notable show of confidence coming in the midst of negotiations with Majority Leader Harry Reid and White House officials to finalize legislation that can satisfy liberal Democrats without alienating moderates — and get the 60 votes needed to advance in the 100-seat Senate.

Baucus told reporters that lawmakers have a moral obligation to repair the health care system to rein in costs and extend coverage to millions of the uninsured.

"And that is why we are going to pass health care reform legislation this year, and it is why every Democrat will vote for it, and it is why there will be at least one Republican and maybe a couple more who also will vote for it," Baucus said.

"Every Democrat will vote for national health care reform," Baucus emphasized.

Democrats control 60 Senate votes, but that includes two independents, and leaders have been uncertain of support from a number of moderates who've expressed concerns about the price tag of health care legislation and the government's role in a remade system.

Baucus' prediction followed approval by his committee earlier this week of a 10-year, $829 billion bill that makes numerous changes to the health care system along the lines sought by President Barack Obama.

At the same time, it took a more centrist approach than the other four health care bills approved by House and Senate committees.

Baucus and Reid met Thursday with White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and other officials wrestling to merge the Finance bill with a more liberal version passed by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

Reid later held out hope of getting support from more Republicans than just Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, who was the lone GOP "yes" vote in the Finance Committee.

Unanswered is whether Reid will include provisions in the bill to allow the government to sell insurance in competition with private industry.

That so-called public plan is supported by liberals, who spoke up in favor of it at a closed-door Senate Democratic caucus meeting Thursday.

But because of opposition from moderate Senate Democrats, any public plan Reid does include likely would be some type of compromise, such as leaving the decision on a public plan to states or offering public coverage only as a backstop in areas where one insurer has a lock on the market — the approach favored by Snowe.

Reid said, "We're going to work very hard ... to see what, if anything, we're going to do" on a government plan.

"I favor a public option. Everyone knows that," Reid added.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., mounted a strong defense of a public plan at a news conference, contending that recent attacks from the health insurance industry should dispel any doubts about the need for it.

"Our House bill will have a public option," Pelosi declared.

Docs press Congress on Medicare

AMA launches national TV ad campaign seeking higher fees.

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The American Medical Association is launching a coast-to-coast TV ad campaign to press Congress to approve higher payments for doctors treating Medicare patients.

The doctors group announced the ads Thursday, a day after Democrats agreed to push a $247 billion bill through the Senate next week averting scheduled cuts in physicians' Medicare fees over the next decade.

A 21 percent reduction is scheduled for January, with other cuts in subsequent years.

The ad, which the AMA said would cost seven figures, says the bill will "protect seniors' access to quality care" and urges people to contact their senators to tell them to vote for it. Restoring the money has long been a top priority for doctors' lobbyists.

The spots will run in 12 states with wavering senators of both parties, including North Carolina, Florida and Alaska, and in Washington, D.C.

The measure will require 60 votes to pass the Senate to overcome delaying tactics by opponents. The bill, which also needs House approval, would be paid for with federal borrowing, which has provoked opposition from many Republicans and some deficit-conscious Democrats.

Majority Leader Harry Reid set a test vote for next week on the legislation.

Republican leaders promised stiff resistance to the bill, which is part of the Obama administration's attempt to enact a sweeping health care overhaul.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

White House expects a crowd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tens of thousands of people are expected to stream through the White House gates this weekend for a rare opportunity to see the fragrant roses, blue salvias and towering, decades-old trees that beautify the president's back yard.

Held twice a year, the fall White House Gardens and Grounds tours are set for Saturday and Sunday.

Some 25,000 visitors are expected to absorb history with every step along the South Lawn's circular driveway.

The self-guided tours, about 30-45 minutes long, include the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden near the East Wing, also known as the first lady's garden and the Rose Garden, on the opposite side and steps away from the Oval Office.

Also on the tour is the Children's Garden, a popular spot because of the footprints and handprints of presidential grandchildren — from President Lyndon B. Johnson to George H.W. Bush — that line its walkway.

Guests can look up at the magnolia trees that towered over President Barack Obama's recent "beer summit." President Andrew Jackson had them planted in memory of his wife, Rachel, who died shortly before he took office in 1829.

Mistrial declared in Abramoff case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Thursday in the case of a former lobbyist caught up in the Jack Abramoff affair, the biggest setback in the government's long-running prosecution of the influence-peddling scandal.

The jury deadlocked over seven counts alleging that Kevin Ring lavished thousands of dollars worth of tickets and meals on employees of then-Republican Reps. John Doolittle of California and Ernest Istook of Oklahoma and on Justice Department officials in return for congressional appropriations and other assistance for Abramoff's clients.

The panel of seven women and five men also was unable to reach a verdict on an eighth count, on Ring's part in arranging a job that paid $96,000 to Doolittle's wife. On Tuesday, jurors said they had reached a verdict on that count, although they did not disclose what it was. In two more days of deliberating about the case, the jurors' agreement on that count came undone.

Ring, who declined to comment as he left the courtroom after the mistrial was declared, is a former aide to Doolittle. The ex-congressman, who has not been charged, was named by the government as an unindicted coconspirator in the case.

Afghan runoff election likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — A runoff vote is very likely between incumbent Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his closest challenger in the country's highly contested election, Karzai's ambassador to the United States said Thursday.

Said Tayeb Jawad predicted the runoff would follow an announcement expected within days by the U.N.-backed electoral commission looking into fraud in the August election.

The ambassador is the first official from Karzai's government to predict publicly that the challenger, Abdullah Abdullah, will have enough support to force a runoff. Jawad said all sides should work hard to hold the runoff vote swiftly — ideally within a month.

A two-week deadline mandated in the country's constitution is "impossible," according to Jawad.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $540,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's game.

Lottery officials said 102 players matched four numbers and won $281.50 each; 3,945 players matched three numbers and won $12 each; and 46,504 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The winning numbers in Thursday evening's drawing of the Pennsylvania Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 09-24-34-36-39

Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	4-2-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-0-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-3-0-2
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-0-1-0
DAY QUINTO:	9-5-6-6-1
NIGHT QUINTO:	4-3-3-5-4
TREASURE HUNT:	1-2-8-12-21
CASH 5:	9-24-34-36-39
MIX & MATCH:	1-11-2-10-3

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-9-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-9-9
DAY PICK 4:	7-8-9-3
NIGHT PICK 4:	2-3-6-8
ROLLING CASH 5:	6-18-24-33-39

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

DAILY 3:	6-6-9
DAILY 4:	8-8-2-1
CASH 25:	7-10-15-21-22-24

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OUR OPINION

Film Tax Credit: Bad program survives

The state budget deal yelled "Cut!" for the Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit program when it should have declared, "That's a wrap!"

Even that "Cut!" - a reduction for 2009-10 from $75 million to $42 million -- isn't the step in the right direction it might seem. Why? Because the director (no pun intended) of the Pennsylvania Film Office expects that funding to go back up, rising to $60 million for 2010-11 and returning to $75 million for 2011-12.

That would compound the mistake that the credit always has been. The program's "investments" - better termed giveaways of taxpayer money to Hollywood - never have led to higher total tax revenue.

Harrisburg is either star-struck or willfully ignorant of flaws and conflicts of interest in a publicly funded "study" slanted to "prove" economic benefits. Those findings were negated by a Commonwealth Foundation analysis done by two Duquesne University economics professors.

Yet the credit - and the shibboleth of its value - lives on.

Taxpayers have seen this movie before and should not have to sit through sequels.

Like a film production disastrously over budget with nothing worthwhile to show for it, the Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit program ought to just die - and not even bother with putting "The End" up on the screen.

Lances & Laurels

Lance: To Dan Onorato. Allegheny County's chief executive and Democrat gubernatorial hopeful is seeking state support to tax Allegheny County hospitals, use that money to "leverage" federal dollars, then return a portion of it to the hospitals. First, of course, government would get its cut. It's already being done in Philadelphia. But all such a scheme actually does is game a system and siphon dollars from medical care. Brilliant! More addition by subtraction. And this guy wants to be governor?

Laurel: To the Colcom Foundation. It will match, up to $1 million raised before Nov. 24, private donations for the renovation of the fountain at Point State Park. A new group, Friends of the Fountain Campaign, will spearhead those private fundraising efforts. What's particularly appealing about the renovation is that aspects of the original design for the fountain, built in 1974, but never incorporated because of a lack of money, now will be included.

Just a reminder: The Pittsburgh Steelers host the Cleveland Browns Sunday at Heinz Field. The 3-2 Steelers are looking for their third-straight win. The Browns, being the Browns, are 1-4. Of course, we would be remiss if we did not note that Pittsburgh has one, two, three, four, five, six Super Bowl trophies and the Browns have none. Here we go.

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While letters usually are published in order of submission, those concerning timely local issues are given priority.

Affirmative action Nobel

Pat **BUCHANAN**

All my life, said Voltaire, I had had but one prayer: "O Lord, make my enemies look ridiculous. And God granted it."

In awarding the Nobel Prize for Peace to Barack Obama, the Nobel committee has just made itself look ridiculous.

Consider. Though they had lead roles in ending a Cold War lasting half a century, between a nuclear-armed Soviet Empire and the West, neither Ronald Reagan nor John Paul II ever got a Nobel Prize.

In 1987, Reagan negotiated the greatest arms reduction treaty in modern time, the INF agreement removing all Soviet SS-20s and all U.S. Pershing and cruise missiles from Europe.

Other than hosting the "Beer Summit" between Sgt. James Crowley of the Cambridge Police and Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, what has Obama done to compare with what these statesmen did to make ours a more peaceful and better world?

What has Obama accomplished to compare with what the other sitting presidents to receive the Nobel Prize accomplished?

Theodore Roosevelt won in 1906 for the Portsmouth Treaty that ended the Russo-Japanese War. Woodrow Wilson won the 1919 Nobel Prize for getting Germany to accept his 14 Points as the basis for an armistice that ended the bloodiest war in all of European history.

And what about Richard Nixon?

In 1972, he made his historic trip to China, ending a quarter century of hostility, negotiated SALT I with Leonid Brezhnev, limiting ICBMs, and ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam. True, Nixon persuaded Hanoi to sign the Paris Peace Accords only after 13 days of "Christmas bombing."

Yet that did not deter the Nobel committee from giving the 1973 prize to Henry Kissinger and Hanoi 's Le Duc Tho.

Early in the week his award was announced, Obama snubbed the Dalai Lama, the 1989 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, who has spent 50 years as a courageous voice for the rights of his Tibetan people, who have endured half a century of Chinese communist repression and cultural genocide. Which of these — the Dalai Lama or Barack Obama — seems more deserving of a Nobel Prize for Peace?

Since the news broke, the president has been a national object of mockery and mirth. In fairness, this is not his fault. There is no evidence he lobbied for the prize; no evidence he knew it was coming.

"Is this April Fools' Day?" said one startled aide.

In accepting, Barack was properly humble, saying that he did not belong in the company of previous recipients, that he would try to live up to the expectations his Nobel had created.

It is the members of the Nobel committee who have made fools of themselves and further devalued their prize, if that is still possible.

For how many Americans could, without Google, identify Shirin Ebadi, Wangari Maathai, Muhammad Yunus and Martti Ahtisaari? Who are they? The 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2008 winners of the Nobel Prize for Peace. In that company at least, Barack, for his willingness to talk to America's adversaries and enemies, is not outshone.

Indeed, looking down the list of other recipients in this decade — Jimmy Carter in 2002, Muhammad ElBaradei in 2005, Al Gore in 2007 and Obama — the committee should probably rename it the Nobel Prize for Peace ... and Stick-It-to-George Bush Trophy.

By 2002, Carter, who should have been included in the 1978 Nobel that went to Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat for the Israeli-Egyptian peace he brokered at Camp David, had become a global pest, bedeviling Bush, as he did Bill Clinton, in violation of the tradition of ex-presidents, all the while accomplishing nothing.

While the International Atomic Energy Agency was right about no atomic weapons or programs in Iraq, ElBaradai himself regretted not having been more courageous in opposing the war. Gore's prize was the committee's way of providing publicity for a campaign against global warming that is a front for the latest scheme to advance world government.

Obama's radicals

Byron **York**

Barack Obama is fighting a lot of political wars these days. The most important, of course, is the war over the war in Afghanistan. Then there's the war over health care, and spending, and the environment, and financial regulation, and on and on.

They're all serious and time-consuming. But the war that has become unexpectedly intense in recent days isn't about any particular policy. It's the war over personnel — the president's choices to fill important but not necessarily high-profile jobs in his administration.

Some of Obama's choices have been people with radical pasts — or radical presents. Others are so overtly political that they can't see any line between serving Obama and serving the public. Their presence has made it increasingly difficult for their boss, the president, to present himself as a centrist.

First was Van Jones, the Obama "green jobs" czar who once signed a petition supporting the "9/11 truther" movement; who was a self-professed communist during much of the 1990s; who supported the cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal; and who accused "white polluters" of "steering poison into the people-of-color communities."

Under fire for his extremist views, Jones disappeared in an unusual middle-of-the-night resignation on Sept. 5.

Then there was Yosi Sergant, who, as communications director for the National Endowment for the Arts, crossed an entire football field of ethical lines by using his office, intended to promote the arts in America, to instead enlist artists to work on behalf of specific Obama initiatives. He resigned Sept. 24.

Now comes Kevin Jennings, the gay activist who heads the Education Department's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Jennings founded a group called the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network and has devoted his career to introducing the topic of homosexuality into every American classroom, including elementary schools. Some of his credentials include writing the foreword to a book called "Queering Elementary Education," which includes chapters like "Why Discuss Sexuality in Elementary School?" and "Locating a Place for Gay and Lesbian Themes in Elementary Reading, Writing, and Talking." Jennings worked hard to bring discussions of overtly homosexual topics — and, in some cases, sexual practices — into school curricula.

Nearly two decades ago, a high-school sophomore approached Jennings, then a young teacher, and said he had had an encounter with an older man.

Instead of reporting the matter to school authorities, Jennings — by his own account — offered some simple advice: "I hope you used a condom."

Social conservatives are going after Jennings hard. Why is a man with his agenda in charge of safe and drug-free schools? (Jennings has no experience in anti-drug work.) But the attacks on Jennings have awakened Obama's defenders. As they see it, there's a an ugly right-wing vendetta going on, and it's time to stop it.

"After quickly caving on Jones and Sergant — who were hard to defend — will the Obama administration draw the line at Kevin Jennings?" asked the liberal journalist David Corn recently. "Or will it allow the bloodthirsty hound dogs of the right another red-meat triumph?"

Those may be fighting words, but is Jennings any easier to defend than Jones and Sergant? Education Secretary Arne Duncan is strongly in Jennings' corner, but if critics push hard enough, will the administration go all-out on behalf of "Queering Elementary Education"? We'll see.

In comparison with the wars over Afghanistan, health care, etc., the personnel war rages in the blogosphere but has received relatively little attention in mainstream-media outlets. With the topic mostly absent from the papers and the network newscasts, Obama has managed to avoid serious political damage.

"I think the president gets off the hook too easily," says Republican Rep. Steve King, who recently became the first member of Congress to call on Obama to fire Jennings. "We had the case of Van Jones, where he stepped down at about 12:01 on a weekend morning, and the president hasn't uttered a word about it."

Whatever happens in the latest fight, it seems certain there will be more battles in the personnel war. Does anyone believe that Jones, Sergant and Jennings are the only Obama officials about whom truly serious questions can be raised?

NEWS

Biden re-defining role of vice president

He's already made eight foreign trips this year and he's off to Europe next week.

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Early in the 2008 campaign, when high hopes hadn't given way to harsh realities, presidential candidate Joe Biden told his wife, Jill, "I can picture myself sitting in the Oval Office. I can picture who I'd pick up the phone and call."

It turns out that Biden is getting calls from the president, not making them. But he's taken to the supporting role nonetheless, as he re-redefines the job of vice president after Dick Cheney's unprecedented grasp on the levers of power in the George W. Bush administration.

Biden's to-do list was defined at the outset by two central issues for President Barack Obama: keeping the U.S. on track to get out of Iraq and making sure that hundreds of billions of economic stimulus dollars are spent swiftly and smartly.

And nothing illustrates how he has cemented his personal relationship with Obama better than his behind-the-scenes role as skeptic-in-chief in hour upon hour of private deliberations over what the U.S. should do next in Afghanistan.

"You can always count on him to ask probing questions, and he has," says David Axelrod, a senior adviser to Obama.

Biden is busy. Phone calls to foreign leaders alternate with mediating disputes between governors and mayors over how to spend highway money. Flights to Baghdad are interspersed with trips to Boston. His policy turf has expanded as Obama calls on him to cajole for health care votes, tend to U.S. alliances abroad, promote nuclear nonproliferation and take on more political appearances as the midterm election season approaches.

He's made eight foreign trips this year, including three to Iraq. And next week he's off to meet leaders in Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic who have a big stake in the administration's revamped plans for a European missile shield. On Capitol Hill, the vice president makes it a point to hit the StairMaster in the Senate gym at least once a week, to help stay connected to former colleagues.

Over the months, Obama and Biden gradually have gotten more comfortable with one another in their respective roles as decider and adviser— something not initially taken for granted.

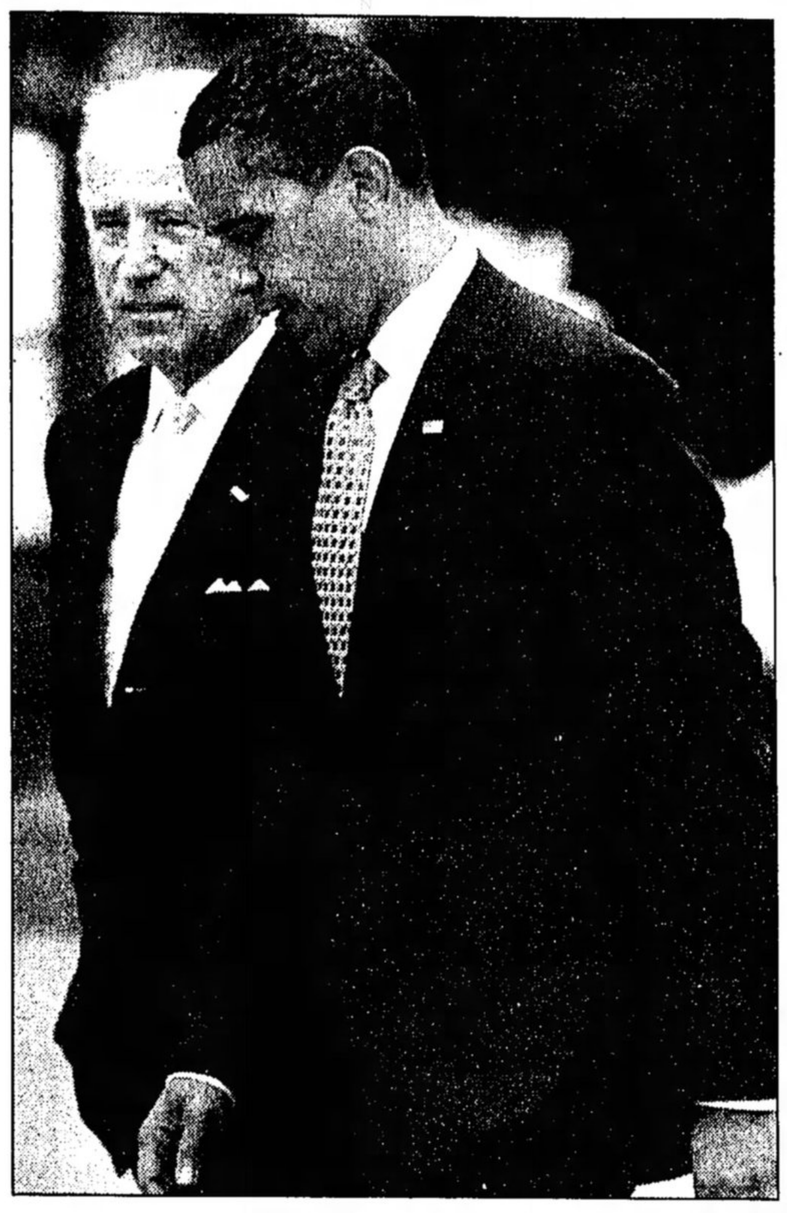
Early on, "there was a lot of uncertainty" about how Obama would use Biden," says Ron Klain, the vice president's chief of staff, adding that the chemistry between the two has worked out better than some had expected.

"Their most important interactions," says Axelrod, "are interactions that no one actually sees."

That's not to say that Biden's transition from lone ranger to a supporting role under Obama has been seamless.

At age 66, Biden ever will be Biden, and that means a shoot-from-the-lip style that feeds stereotypes of him as both a straight talker and a gaffe machine.

Over-the-top rhetoric that might have provoked a more eye-roll when he was a senator looms larger when uttered as vice president.



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President Barack Obama, right, and Vice President Joe Biden walk on the White House grounds.

Critics point to any number of off-key notes: Biden angered Russia with his comments about its "withering economy;" he irked Iraq's leaders by pushing them to be more accountable; he triggered a day of backtracking after swearing off trains and planes because of swine flu worries.

And when Biden declared that no matter how hard the administration tries to do right, "there's still a 30 percent chance we're going to get it wrong," he got a public poke from Obama.

"You know, I don't remember exactly what Joe was referring to, not surprisingly," Obama told reporters.

Axelrod waves off the significance of such incidents.

"Everybody's strength is also their weakness," Axelrod says. "Biden is honest. He's blunt, sometimes to a fault, but the trade-off isn't even close."

Biden's vice presidency is shaping up as a mix of his two Democratic predecessors, two of the most influential vice presidents after Cheney. Walter Mondale served primarily as a troubleshooter and adviser to Jimmy Carter and avoided specific projects. Al Gore went all-out for Bill Clinton on a handful of signature issues, notably climate change and "reinventing" government, and put a premium on being part of the public tableau whenever Clinton made an appearance.

Mondale, who met with Biden three times as he prepared for the job, said it takes time for a new vice president to find his "sweet spot" after some initial shuffling around, and that Biden appears to have found his niche, mixing the private counselor's role with a full slate of responsibilities for specific programs.

Biden wound up with oversight of the government's mammoth $787 billion stimulus plan after he wrote Obama a memo about how it should be run, and he's clearly relishing his role as the program's top cop. The vice president holds weekly conference calls with mayors, governors and others to press for wise use of the money, and he calls regular Cabinet meetings to keep the Washington end of the program on track, too. He's imposed a 24-hour rule for answering local officials' questions.

Ed Deseve, the president's chief executive of the stimulus, says Biden told him early on, "I'm really going to do this hard; I'm not going to do this soft."

At a recent Cabinet meeting, Biden pressed federal officials to give him a quick heads-up when projects don't move forward on schedule, saying, "You've gotta give me more ammo so I can pick up the phone and be the sheriff."

When Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., complained recently that two stimulus projects in Kansas could result in the same highway being paved twice, Biden was on the phone with transportation officials within minutes demanding they "get this damn thing fixed right now," says Deseve. And it was.

Still, there's been grumbling.

South Carolina Comptroller Richard Eckstrom, who oversees stimulus spending in his state, says Biden may be "giving it all he's got," but states haven't been given the tools they need to meet federal requirements, in particular reporting rules that arrived without money to help states meet them.

"Nebulous Washington didn't think this one through very well," Eckstrom said.

Iraq, the other big item on Biden's list, also takes a significant chunk of the vice president's time, and that's only going to increase as January's Iraqi national elections approach. He's expected to be back in Baghdad for a fourth time before year's end.

Once those elections are past, Biden is likely to devote more time to nuclear nonproliferation and developing a strategy for U.S. ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, which would outlaw all nuclear bomb tests.

Biden, best known in the Senate for his foreign policy credentials, jokingly told an audience earlier this year that "I don't do health care."

Nonetheless, he's spending increasing amounts of time pressing the president's case for overhaul legislation with former Senate colleagues. He's talked multiple times with every Democrat on the pivotal Senate Finance Committee, which approved a version of the measure on Tuesday, both in one-on-one meetings and more casual contacts at the gym or over dinner.

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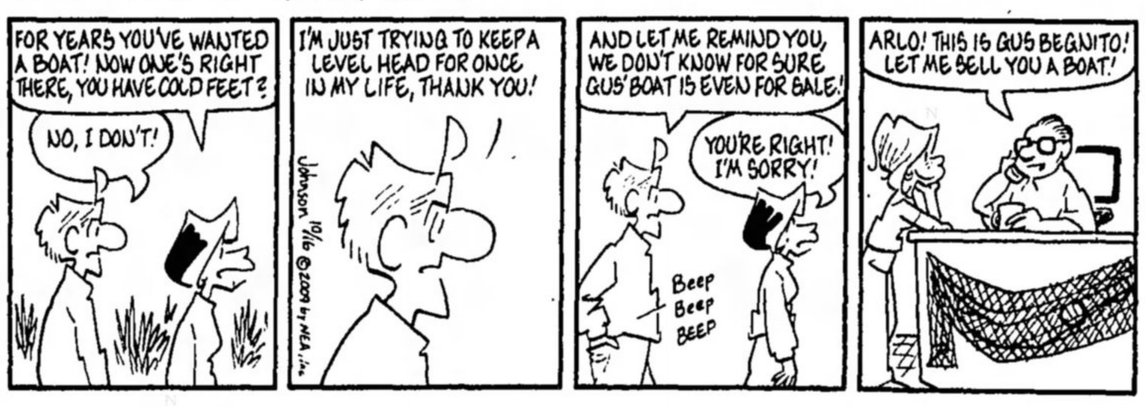
FOR YEARS YOU'VE WANTED A BOAT! NOW ONE'S RIGHT THERE, YOU HAVE COLD FEET?
NO, I DON'T!
I'M JUST TRYING TO KEEP A LEVEL HEAD FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, THANK YOU!
AND LET ME REMIND YOU, WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE GUS' BOAT IS EVEN FOR SALE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M SORRY!
Beep Beep BEEP
ARLO! THIS IS GUS BEGWITO! LET ME SELL YOU A BOAT!

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

I THOUGHT TODAY WAS "SURVIVAL TRAINING"
RIGHT. WE'RE LEARNING TO LIVE ON GRASS AND GRUBS
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GREAT MORT WALKER

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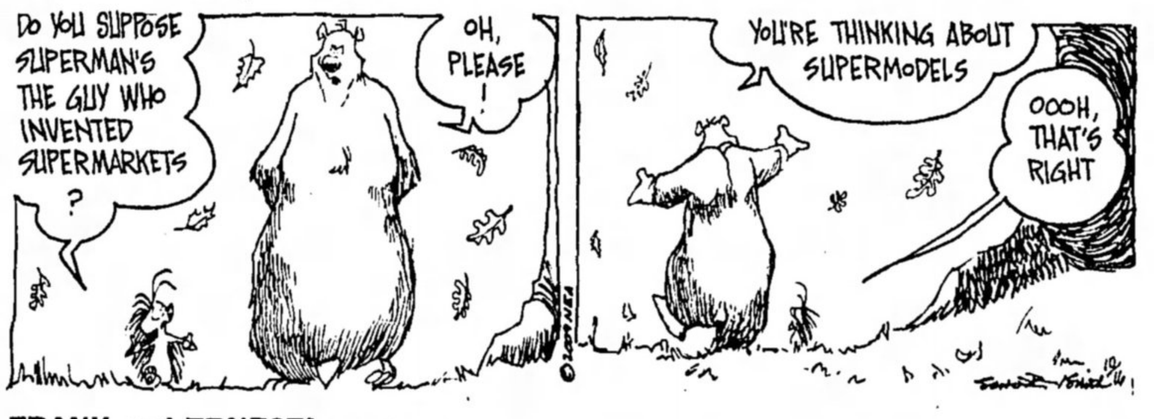
DO YOU SUPPOSE SUPERMAN'S THE GUY WHO INVENTED SUPERMARKETS?
OH, PLEASE!
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SUPERMODELS
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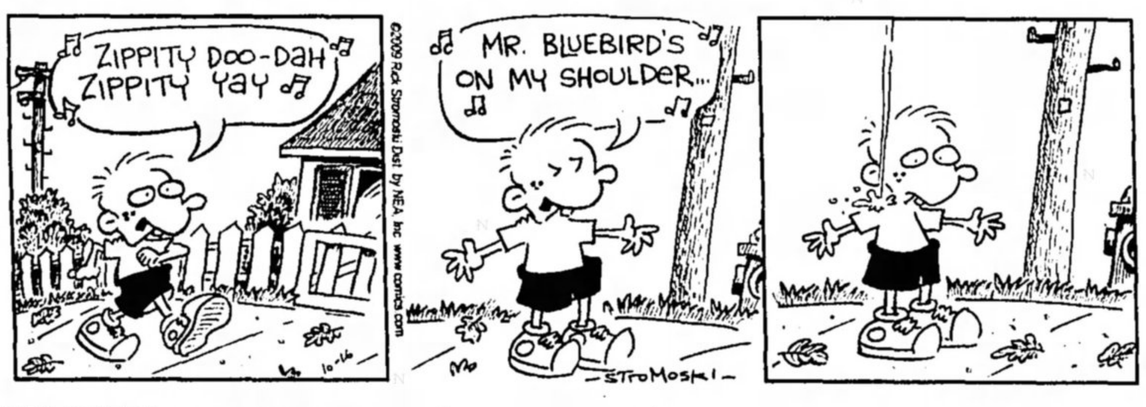

BIG NATE® by Lincoln Peirce

NOW WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WORKING ON MY AGENDA. ALL THE STUFF I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH AS PRESIDENT.
WAIT, WHAT KIND OF STUFF?
GINA, YOU'RE JUST THE TREASURER. IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS.
IT'S YOUR JOB TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO PAY FOR AGENDA ITEMS!
WE CAN'T PUT CUP HOLDERS ON ALL THE DESKS, YOU IDIOT!
NOT WITHOUT SOME CASH. GET A BAKE SALE GOING.

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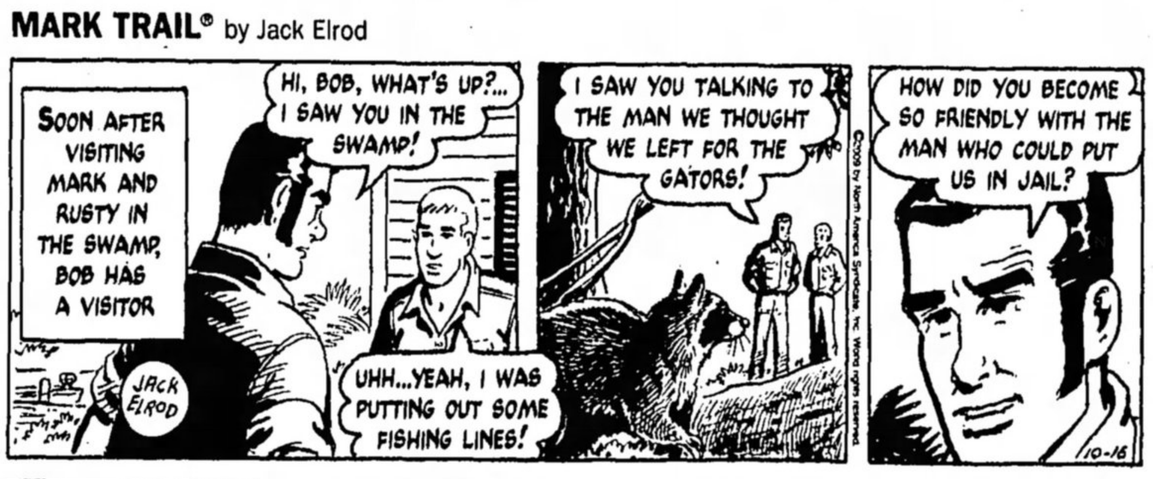
SOON AFTER VISITING MARK AND RUSTY IN THE SWAMP, BOB HAS A VISITOR
JACK ELROD
HI, BOB, WHAT'S UP?... I SAW YOU IN THE SWAMP!
UHH...YEAH, I WAS PUTTING OUT SOME FISHING LINES!
I SAW YOU TALKING TO THE MAN WE THOUGHT WE LEFT FOR THE GATORS!
HOW DID YOU BECOME SO FRIENDLY WITH THE MAN WHO COULD PUT US IN JAIL?
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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

DING DONG
THAT'LL BE LIZ TO PICK UP HER PURSE
THANKS, JON...I'VE GOTTA RUN TO WORK
KISS
FEEL FREE TO LEAVE IT MORE OFTEN!
CLOSE THE DOOR, YOU'RE LETTING THE MUSH IN!
JIM DAVIS 10-16

Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

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YO, COMMODORE! HOW ABOUT LOANIN' ME TWENTY-FIVE BUCKS FOR A WEEK OR TWO?
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE QUOTE, "NEITHER A BORROWER NOR A LENDER BE"?
OKAY. IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, YOU CAN JUST GIVE ME THE MONEY!
BUS
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BLONDIE® by Young and Marshall

KIDS TODAY ARE DRIVING ME NUTS!
WHY IS THAT BOSS?
THE ONES WE'VE HIRED ARE "PLUGGED-IN," "TECHNO-SAVVY," AND "IPOD-FRIENDLY!"
THEN WHY DO THEY DRIVE YOU NUTS?
BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HEAR ME WHEN I'M YELLING AT THEM!!!

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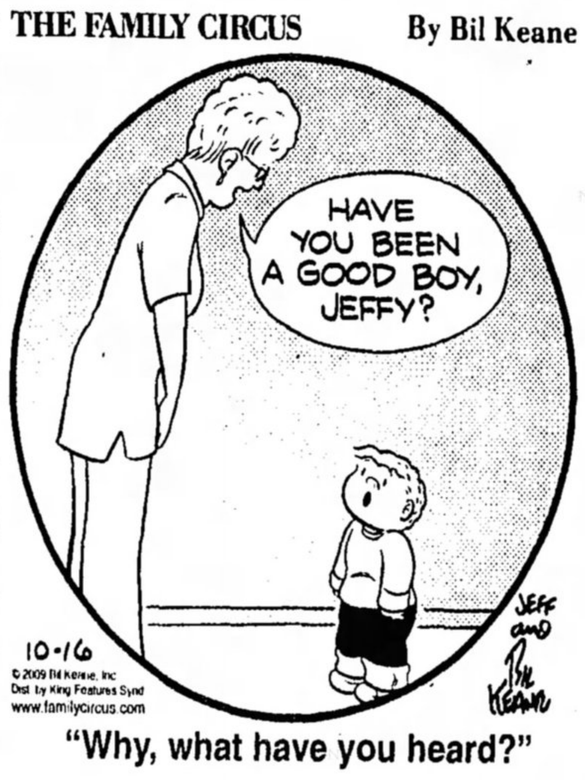

"Why, what have you heard?"

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

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1 Crewmate of Uhura
5 Pinch hitter
8 Tattoo site
11 Curly-tailed dog
13 Fury
14 Iced drink
15 Hides
16 Attractiveness
18 Cable channel
20 Gangplanks
21 Foxes' prey
23 Air-pump meas.
24 Elbow
25 Youngster
27 Source of light
31 Midwest st.
32 Bagpipes player
33 Gin-fizz flavor
34 Spell
36 Chapeaus
38 Pamplona shout
39 Round building
40 — — for keeps
41 Carpet pile
42 Shellac resin
44 Rah-rah
46 Odor
49 Killer whale
50 Kind of blouse
52 Recoils, as a gun
56 Cleveland NBAer
57 Miss Piggy's word
58 Remove paint
59 Fruit drink
60 Startled cries
61 Fizzy drink

DOWN

1 Syrup base
2 Hula accompaniment
3 Diamond —
4 Absolute
5 Poster
6 Search engine find
7 Chicago gridders
8 Molecule part
9 Enlist again (hyph.)
10 The red planet
12 Stocks and bonds
17 Drops in the slot
19 Clairvoyant
21 Vietnam capital
22 Kareem — - Jabbar
23 Meaner
24 Triangular sails
26 Zen riddle
28 Single-handed
29 Wisdom tooth
30 Baby chick sound
35 Kneils
37 Mounds
43 Bowie's last stand
45 Walk and trot
46 Humane org.
47 Beowulf's drink
48 Icicle locale
49 Elevator guy
51 Without delay
53 — -Magnon
54 Nanny's charge
55 Exercise place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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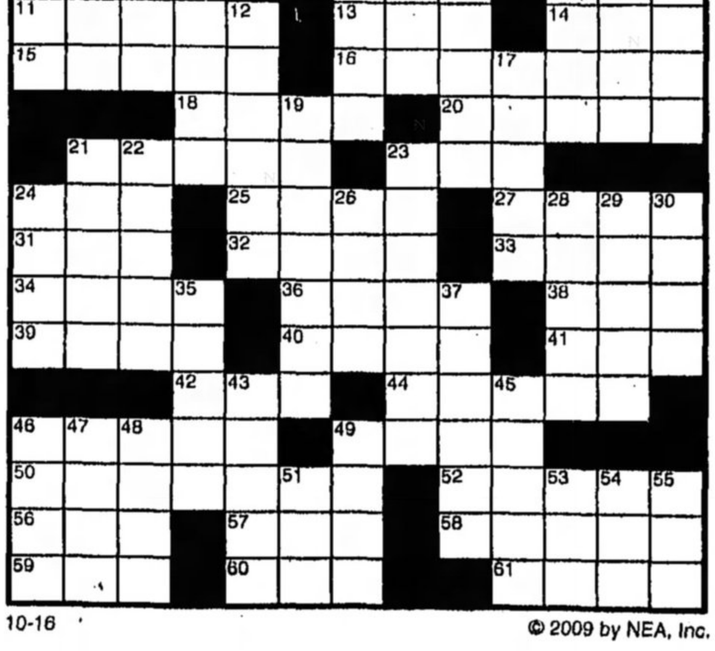

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TV LISTINGS

Dejected mother frets that son is forgotten overseas

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: Before my son deployed to Afghanistan two months ago, his grandma, aunts and cousins all promised to send cards, letters and care packages.

So far, not one of them has stepped up to the plate.

I am so frustrated I felt like crying as I was preparing a care package with his favorite cookies.

Abby, why do people make promises they can't keep? — **BROKENHEARTED MILITARY MOM**

DEAR MILITARY MOM: The promises are often made with the best intentions — and then the promiser becomes distracted, diverted, forgetful.

In most cases, no one means to be hurtful.

Because these forgetful folks are family members, my advice is to remind them of what a morale booster it would be for your son to hear from them.

Suggest items he might need, and offer to send them along with YOUR next care package.

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker has the same last name as a deceased porn star.

We work in customer service together, and she gets many suggestive comments and laughs from our male customers.

She would like to respond with a witty comeback without being offensive or jeopardizing her job.

Any suggestions? — **FRIEND OF LOVELACE**

DEAR FRIEND: While it may be tempting for your co-worker to respond with a witty comeback, she should play it smart and resist the urge to acknowledge her male customers' attempts at humor.

Once she starts "getting cute," it will only encourage more of the same.

DEAR ABBY: I am a directory assistance operator who would like to pass on some advice to our callers:

We do NOT know your Aunt Martha who lives behind the Kmart store, and we no longer sit in the back room at a switchboard at the local drugstore. We may not even be located in the state you are calling.

When you dial directory assistance, please be prepared to provide the city, state and the first and last names of the person whose number you need, or the complete name of the business. A street name helps for common names.

Please have your pencil and paper ready to write down the number.

e cannot wait five minutes while you hunt through drawers or glove compartments, or worse, put the phone down to look in another room.

Our contract with your phone company usually requires that we finish each call within a short time, and we can lose that contract if we cannot comply.

And please, do not swear at us or call us names if we are unable to help you.

Our information is only as good as what's provided by your local carrier to our database. We really do try our best to help you.

Thanks, Abby, for helping spread this message on behalf of thousands of hardworking operators. — **SMILING INTO THE SPEAKER**

DEAR SMILING: I'm pleased to pass along your commonsense suggestions. Because so much of the telephone information system has become automated, callers do need to have pencils handy and give clear information when requesting a number. And when someone is lucky enough to actually be connected to a living, breathing, flesh-and-blood human being (yes!), abusing the person is not only unproductive, it could get you disconnected.

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FRIDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 16, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (N) (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Do Over" Melinda investigates a haunting at the hospital morgue. (N)		Medium "The Medium Is the Message" Allison starts having visions of strange symbols. (N)		NUMB3RS "Where Credit's Due" Murders are being copied from scenes in a new movie. (N)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Uma Thurman; Tim McGraw. (N)	(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Toby Keith; Michelle Monaghan. (N)			(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Programming	(2) (10) (:07) Paid Programming	(2) (7) (:37) Paid Programming (10) (:37) Cars. TV (N)
ABC	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (N) (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Ugly Betty "The Butterfly Effect" (Season Premiere) Betty starts her new job as associate features editor. (N)		20/20 (N)				(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Serena Williams; Dr. Drew Pinsky. (N)	(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Programming		(23) (:35) RENO 911!	(4) (:06) Paid Programming (23) (:05) Paid Programming	(4) Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N), (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Actor Alex O'Loughlin. (9) (11) Jeopardy!	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order "Reality Bites" The adoptive mother of 10 disabled children is murdered. (N)		Secrets of the Lost Symbol Author Dan Brown discusses his new book. (N)		The Jay Leno Show Rachel Griffiths; John McCain. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) Sports (11) Ch. 11 News	(6) (11) (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Cory Booker; Max Records. (9) (:45) High School Football Buckeye Local vs. Union Local.		(6) (11) (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Eddie Izzard; Gina Gershon. (N)		(6) (11) (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Eva Amurri. (N)	(6) (11) (:05) Poker After Dark (9) (:15) Poker After Dark (Joined in Progress)	
FOX	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) (63) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at New York Yankees. American League Championship Series, Game 1. From Yankee Stadium in Bronx, N.Y. (Live)						(8) Fox 8 News (N) (53) To Be Announced	(8) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Program	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Paid Program	Paid Program	(8) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog. (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	Off Q	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Out in the Silence Homophobia. (DVS)		Charlie Rose (N)		Off Q	Smart Travels: Europe	Washington Week	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office "Hot Girl"	Smallville "Echo" (N)		America's Next Top Model "Petite Ninja Warriors"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mountaineer Magazine	Paid Program	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Channel 11 News		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club (N)		Focus 4		Too Saved Lisa prayed.			Gospel	In Touch-Dr		Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		TV One Life	The Zone	The Drive TV	Youthbytes	Pure Passion
(69) WBGN	PunK'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	ReGenesis		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Shootout"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "In Heat"		CSI: Miami "Resurrection"		(12:01) Criminal Minds			(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos				The 700 Club (N)		'70s Show	'70s Show		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Stargate" (1994) Kurt Russell.				★★★ "First Blood" (1982) Sylvester Stallone.				★★ "The Delta Force" (1986, Action) Chuck Norris, Lee Marvin.							★★ "Puppet Master" (1989, Horror) Paul Le Mat.		
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		River Monsters		When Animals Strike		I'm Alive "Battlegrounds"		I'm Alive "Journeys"		I'm Alive "Battlegrounds"		When Animals Strike			I'm Alive "Journeys"		River Monsters
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night			Top Gear		Friday Night
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)		★ "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) Sinbad, Phil Hartman. Premiere.						Pay It Off (N)		The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show			★★ "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (2005, Crime Drama)		
BRAVO	(4:00) ★★ "Hannibal" (...		★★ "Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth" (1992) Terry Farrell.		13 Scarier Movie Moments				13 Scarier Movie Moments		★★ "Hannibal" (2001, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Ray Liotta.						"Hellraiser III"	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Lewis Family"				Smarter	Smarter	★★ "Footloose" (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer.					Smarter	Smarter	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents	Cribs	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Fast Money	Options	The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Profit	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Tosh.0	Jeff Dunham: Arguing		Scrubs	Scrubs	Dane Cook: Rough Around		Jo Koy: Don't Make Angry		Live at Gotham		John Caparulo: Meet Cap		★★★ "Team America: World Police" (2004) (PA)			
CSPAN	House	Tonight From Washington									Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Lobstermen		Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Lobstermen		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas-Ferb	Zeke	Wizards	Montana	Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Last Days-Jackson		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Sexiest		Lamas	Girls	The Soup (N)	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Lamas	Girls	Wild Cop	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	Football Live	College Football Pittsburgh at Rutgers. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		Celtics '87	Magic	Classics	60 Min.	Boxing		Boxing	Boxing	AWA Wrestling		AWA Wrestling		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	NASCAR	Sprint Cup Happy Hour		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Dollar General 300. (Live)							Midnight	SportsNation		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Walk Time	Narcisa	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Crossing	Holy Rosary	Defending	St Josemaria	Rome	Bookmark	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Catholic	Defending
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge "Mystery Cake"		Chopped Duck appetizers.		Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City		Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City		Good Eats	Rachael
FSN	Big East	Golden Age	Best Damn Top 50 Special		World Poker		Air Racing		UEFA	Final Score	Profiles	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Spotlight	
FX	★★★ "Black Hawk Down" (2001, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor.						★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001) Owen Wilson.				Sons of Anarchy		(12:01) ★ "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer"				Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	PGA Tour Golf		Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Champions					PGA Tour Golf: Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open					Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Champions			
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	★★ "Ordinary Miracles" (2005) Jaclyn Smith.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Property	Property	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Unsellable	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Unsellable	First Place
HIST	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		JFK: 3 Shots That Changed America (Part 1 of 2)				Gangland "Dog Fights"		Warriors		(12:01) JFK: 3 Shots That Changed America				(:01) Gangland	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		DietTribe (N)		Project Runway		Models	Sherri	Rita Rocks	Frasier	Will & Grace	Medium		Paid Prog.
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Tip of the Spear		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Raw	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	Fantasy	Fantasy	Pranked	Pranked	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	★ "Halloween: Resurrection" (2002) Jamie Lee Curtis.				★ "Halloween: Resurrection" (2002) Jamie Lee Curtis.				Real World-Road Rules	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	OddParents	The Troop	Penguins	Penguins	Penguins	Lopez	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	George	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	(5:00) ★★ "Green Card"		★★★ "Pride & Prejudice" (2005, Drama) Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen.						★★★ "Pride & Prejudice" (2005, Drama) Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen.						The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		High School Football Northern Lehigh at Northwestern Lehigh. (Live)						PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Ch Batch	NightTalk: Get to the Point		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★★ "Trading Places" (1983) Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy.					UFC: Silva vs. Irvin						Disorderly Conduct: Video		★★ "Dark Blue" (2002) Kurt Russell.		
SYFY	"Lost World-Jurassic"		Sanctuary		Stargate Universe "Air"		Stargate Universe (N)		Sanctuary (N)		Stargate Universe		Sanctuary		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate SG-1 "Bad Guys"	
TBS	MLB Baseball: Phillies at Dodgers				MLB Post	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Name Is Earl	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	★★★ "The Rock" (1996) (PA) Sean Connery.			
TCM	(:15) ★★ "Mister Buddwing" (1966) James Garner.				★★★ "The Narrow Margin" (1952)				Night at the Movies		★★ "Lured" (1947) George Sanders, Lucille Ball.			★★★ "The Lodger" (1944) Laird Cregar			★★ "Videodrome" (1983)	
TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection (N)		Dress	Dress	Wedded to Perfection		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
TNT	NUMB3RS "Vector"		NUMB3RS		NUMB3RS "Prime Suspect"		★★ "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah.				★★ "John Q" (2002, Drama) Denzel Washington.				★ "Underclassman" (2005, Comedy) Nick Cannon.			
TOON	(5:30) ★ "Delgo" (2008) Premiere.				Star Wars	Ben 10	Franken	Otherstders	King of Hill	King of Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	The Office	Metal	Stroker-Hoop	Birdman	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Diner Paradise		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Ghost	Ghost	Americas Scariest Hall		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Ghost	Ghost
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hogan	Hogan	Hogan	Hogan	★ "The Mod Squad" (1999) Claire Danes. Premiere.				Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "An Eye for an Eye"		NCIS "Requiem"		NCIS "Designated Target"		Monk (N)		Psych (Season Finale) (N)		Law Order: CI		Monk		Psych		Action Sports	
VH1	Celeb Divorces		Behind the Music "Pink"		My Antonio		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		(:05) Behind the Music		Behind the Music		2009 Hip Hop Honors			
VS.	Hunting TV	Outdoor	Dangerous	North-Alaska	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Dangerous	North-Alaska
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		★★ "Serendipity" (2001) John Cusack, Molly Shannon.				My Fair Wedding		My Fair Wedding		Bridezillas		★★★ "The Prince of Tides" (1991) Nick Nolte.			
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ "Gremlins" (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galligan.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	★★★ "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox.				★★★ "Enter the Dragon" (1973)			(:45) "Soldier"	(1998) Bobby Deol, Preity Zinta.		★★ "Tremors" (1990) Kevin Bacon.				(:10) ★ "Showdown in Little Tokyo"			Enter-Dragon
HBO	(:15) ★★★ "Kung Fu Panda" (2008, Comedy)				★ "Max Payne" (2008) Mark Wahlberg.			Couples Ret.	Real Time With Bill Maher		Real Time With Bill Maher		Bored	(:35) ★★★ "Predator" (1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Predator 2
MAX	Tin Men	★ "Barb Wire" (1996, Action)			(:15) ★ "What Happens in Vegas" (2008)				★★★ "Basic Instinct" (1992) Michael Douglas.				(12:15) Life on Top (N)		(12:50) Sin City Diaries "Neon Nights"			Happning
SHOW	(5:15) ★★ "The Eye" ITV.		Inside the NFL (ITV)		Nurse Jackie	Weeds (ITV)	Californ	Californ	Dexter (ITV)		Inside the NFL (ITV)		Fight Promo	(:20) ★★ "Striptease" (1996) ITV.			AVN Adult Movie Awards	
STARZ	Miracle-Anna	★★ "Lakeview Terrace" (2008) Samuel L. Jackson.					(:25) "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"		Crash (N)		★★ "Made of Honor" (2008)				(:45) Crash		(:40) "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps"	
TMC	Evidence	★ "Live Free or Die" (2006, Comedy)			"Day of the Dead" (2008) Ving Rhames.			★ "Captivity" (2007) Elisha Cuthbert.			"Wes Craven Presents Dracula II"			"Forbidden Fantasies" (2005, Adult)			★★ "Thief" (1981)	

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Some nursing home elderly get futile care

That's what two new federally-funded studies contend.

By ALICIA CHANG
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LOS ANGELES — A surprising number of frail, elderly Americans in nursing homes are suffering from futile care at the end of their lives, two new federally funded studies reveal.

One found that putting nursing home residents with failing kidneys on dialysis didn't improve their quality of life and may even push them into further decline. The other showed many with advanced dementia will die within six months and perhaps should have hospice care instead of aggressive treatment.

Medical experts say the new research emphasizes the need for doctors, caregivers and families to consider making the feeble elderly who are near death comfortable rather than treating them as if a cure were possible — more like the palliative care given to terminally ill cancer patients.

"We probably need to be offering a palliative care option to many more patients to make the last days of their lives as comfortable as possible," said Dr. Mark Zeidel of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, who was not involved in the studies.

Palliative care focuses on managing symptoms of a disease and a main goal is to relieve pain at the end of life.

End-of-life care became a divisive issue in the national health care reform debate this summer after one proposal included Medicare reimbursement for doctors who consult with patients on end-of-life counseling. Critics called the counseling "death panels" and a step toward euthanasia. The Obama administration denied those claims, yet has signaled the Medicare benefit will be dropped.

The new studies are published in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

In one study, doctors looked at health records of 3,702 nursing home residents nationwide who started dialysis between 1998 and 2000. The average age was 73 and many had other health problems, including diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Within the first year, 58 percent died and another 29 percent declined in their ability to do simple tasks such as walking, bathing and getting dressed.

Kidney dialysis helps remove waste from blood, and the vast majority of patients with kidney failure benefit. However, in the case of seniors with failing kidneys, it is less clear whether the benefit outweighs the burden.

The findings call into question the common practice of transporting dialysis patients near the end of life to dialysis centers several times a week and hooking them up to a machine for hours at a time.

"We may be overestimating the benefits of dialysis in some of these patients and downplaying the burdens," said lead author Dr. Manjula Kurella Tamura, a Stanford University kidney specialist.

The study did not include a comparison group of patients who didn't get dialysis, so it's unknown if more elderly are dying after starting dialysis than not. Kurella Tamura said there's no one-size-fits-all recommendation for which nursing home residents should go on dialysis, and she suggests patients talk with their doctors about realistic expectations.

The second study followed 323 people with advanced dementia from Boston-area nursing homes. Their average age was 85 and they could not recognize loved ones and were unable to talk or walk.

One out of four died within six months and half died during the 18 months they were followed. Nursing home residents with advanced dementia were more likely to die of pneumonia, fever and eating problems related to their dementia than from strokes or heart attacks.

During their final three months, 41 percent received aggressive care including being hospitalized and tube feeding. However, if the person making their medical decisions was aware of their poor prognosis, they were less likely to receive aggressive care near the end of life, the research found.

"We often temporarily inflict discomfort or pain on patients. We try to minimize it, but we accept it because we think the trade-off is curing or healing," said Dr. Greg Sachs of Indiana University School of Medicine.

In an accompanying editorial, Sachs recalled how his grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's and lived in a nursing home, was aggressively treated with antibiotics for every infection in her final months and had to be restrained. He said that people with dementia could benefit from hospice care inside a nursing home or in the community.

Sachs cited research that found nursing home residents who had hospice care during the last month of their life were half as likely to be hospitalized. What's keeping dementia nursing home patients from getting hospice care is that dementia is not widely recognized as a terminal illness. It's also harder to predict when a dementia patient has six months or less to live — a criteria for Medicare-paid hospice care.

The National Institutes of Health funded the studies. The dementia study was led by the Harvard-affiliated Hebrew Senior Life Institute for Aging Research in Boston.

In the dialysis study, Kurella Tamura has received grant support from Amgen, which makes a drug for people with kidney disease undergoing dialysis.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30-noon, Dr. Gallo eye screening, questions and answers; 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics, 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11, Debra Bricker, speaker on cholesterol; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo; Steelers ticket goes off.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking club; 9, beauty shop; 9-4, massage; 10, watercolor; 11:15, German choir program; 1-3, fu shots; 1, German, cards, choir.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9-4, massage; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:50, zumba gold; 11, blood pressures, healthy steps; 1, bingo, cards, dart ball, news/views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9-4, massage; 9, beauty shop; 10, oil painting; 10:30, Bible study; 1, card party; 2, hearing screening; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:50, belly dancing; 11, healthy steps; 1, cards, bingo, jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study; 1:15, afternoon movie.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, bingo, 11, canasta, "Rush-Don't Hurry"-Carl Stopperich, Washington Co. Drug and Alcohol Commission; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, 'Medicare and Medicare Part D"-Apprise, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 9, flu shots; 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 1, Movie Day.

Friday – 10:30, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; 1, Movie Monday, darts; 4:45, zumba; Wii, jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; silver sneakers; 11, "Staying Healthy the First 100 Years"-Dr. Mike Ruppert; 11:30, bingo; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 1, darts.

Friday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, pizza; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

DONORA

Monday – 10, line dancing; 11, blood pressures; 11:45, bingo; 1, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 10, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11, Transportation with Washington Rides; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9, crafts; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, low impact exercise, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 11, "Devising a Disaster Plan"-Leslie Wright, Primetime Health; 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 9, poker club, card club; 10, healthy steps; 1, cards and table games; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 9-noon, flu shots; 10, sing along, pinochle, singalong; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; jigsaw puzzles,

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place

Monday – Hamburger
Tuesday – Rigatoni/meatballs
Wednesday – Chicken over biscuit
Thursday – Beef stew
Friday – Fish and chips

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – Meatloaf
Tuesday – Roast beef with gravy
Wednesday – Pizza
Thursday – Meatball sandwich
Friday – Chicken patty

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Senior Snapshot

Martha Turturice, 85, of California, Pa., said her most memorable historic moment was hearing about the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the beginning of World War II. Turturice was in class at East Pike Run High School in California when she heard the news.

Read each Friday as older Valley residents recall the most memorable moments in their lives.

Martha Turturice, 85, of California, Pa.

Army OK's chaplain for Medal of Honor

Humble priest from Kansas repeatedly risked his own life to help fellow inmates at a Korean prison camp.

By JOHN MILBURN
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — As his fellow prisoners of war returned home from the Korean War, they shared stories of self-sacrifice about Rev. Emil Kapaun, the humble priest from Kansas.

The prisoners of the 8th Cavalry Regiment spoke of how Kapaun, an Army chaplain, continued to look after his men even though he was wounded and sick himself.

Risking his own life, Kapaun would sneak out after dark to scrounge food for those too weak to eat, fashion makeshift containers to collect water and wash their soiled clothes.

Kapaun died at the camp hospital seven months after he was first taken captive by the Chinese in 1950. More than a half-century later, the Army's top civilian leader has recommended that Kapaun, who is also a candidate for sainthood, receive the Medal of Honor.

Helen Kapaun, the chaplain's sister-in-law, said her husband, Eugene, 85, has prayed that he would live to see his brother honored.

"We hoped it would have been sooner," Helen Kapaun said Monday.

"I think there were a lot of circumstances that had to be finished in God's hands. Now, it proves that he was a saintly, holy man."

In one of his final acts as Army secretary, Pete Geren, wrote to Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., saying he agreed that Kapaun was worthy of the honor. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has also endorsed Kapaun's honor.

Seven chaplains have received the Medal of Honor, including Vincent Capodanno, a Navy chaplain from New York, killed in Vietnam in 1967. In 2006, Capodanno was declared a Servant of God by the Vatican, a step toward canonization.

Tiahrt began efforts to honor Kapaun in 2000 after reading about his life.

"It's hard to imagine living through something like that. He handled it like a saint," Tiahrt said Monday.

Congress must approve legislation sending Kapaun's award to President Barack Obama.

The Rev. John Hotze of the Wichita diocese said Kapaun's recognition has been a long time in the making.

"He saw it as a role of serving his men and laying down his life for his men," said Hotze, who has a Web site honoring Kapaun. "It's like Christ coming to the world to serve instead of being served. That's what Father Kapaun was all about."

Kapaun was born in 1916 near the central Kansas town of Pilsen, about 60 miles north of Wichita. Ordained in 1940, he was a parish priest and auxiliary chaplain at the Herrington Army Air Base near Pilsen.

He was later sent to Southeast Asia during World War II, driving thousands of miles to say Mass, often using his Jeep hood as an altar.

Kapaun returned to Kansas, but when the Korean War began he pleaded with his bishop to let him go back to the Army.

NEWS

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22, Charleroi, installed officers, as follows, from left, Lydia Ciliberti, sergeant at arms; Ruthetta Sampson, historian; Sally Lundy, chaplain; Doris Menia, secretary-treasurer; Barb Springer, second vice president; Janet Jones, vice president; and Darlene McBurnie, president.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22

At a meeting in September, department President Carol Randolph, of Morgantown, W.Va., installed officers for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22, Charleroi.

Twenty-seven members attended the meeting.

Department Chairwoman for Americanism Carol Harrison encouraged involvement in Americanism programs.

Following installation, refreshments and business ensued.

Vice President Janet Jones read a thank-you note from the U.S. naval base in Atsugi, Japan, and discussed the success of the grocery coupon program for military bases overseas. She stated help is needed to prepare coupons each month.

The unit is sponsoring Girl Scout Troop 54036. Troop leader Connie Robinson has joined the auxiliary. The troop will participate in the coupon program.

The Charleroi Senior Center is supplying grocery coupons to help people serving overseas, and the Auxiliary is grateful for their participation.

Master Sgt. Deborah J. Krall will speak at the Oct. 26 meeting. She serves as program coordinator at the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, in Coraopolis. She will collect "deployment bags" for guard members leaving for Iraq and Afghanistan. She has joined Unit 22.

Cardopulmonary resuscitation classes will take place 1 p.m. Oct. 17.

Sally Lundy won the 50/50 money. Members should bring cut coupons and filled "deployment bags" to the next meeting. The meeting concluded with prayer by Chaplain Lundy.

X%&*@#, those Mexicans really swear

MEXICO CITY (AP) – Caramba! A new survey says Mexican adults curse an average of 20 times a day, serving up about 1.3 billion swear words daily.

The survey of 1,000 adults by the Consulta Mitofsky polling firm says one in 10 Mexicans say they don't curse at all. Upper class citizens report swearing more than the poor, while people in the heavily Indian southern part of the country curse less than northerners.

The poll published Wednesday has a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points.

Poll respondents used their own judgment as to what constituted swear words, but almost all were harsher than "caramba," roughly the equivalent of "gosh!"

Domestic violence programs set

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise public consciousness about violence in the home.

The Washington Women's Shelter Inc. offers several services:

A hotline is available at (724) 233-9190 or 1 (800) 791-4000.

Domestic violence training is offered to businesses and community groups, which, in turn, provides programs for people in pre-school through college. To schedule an appointment, call the education and training department at (724) 223-5477.

The shelter sponsors a support group in a confidential, low-pressure, safe place for women who have been or are in abusive relationships.

Kaleidoscope is accepting donations of furniture, decorative pieces, jewelry, collectibles, books, antiques, tools, toys and household items to benefit the shelter. Donations can be taken to 899 E. Maiden St., Washington, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays.

For information, call (724) 809-1025 or e-mail helptheshelter@gmail.com.

Drunken robbers father-son act

CARTERSVILLE, Ala. (AP) – Officials say a drunk father and son burglarized a Cartersville home and were caught after the son was found passed out under the invalid homeowner's bed.

DeKalb County Sheriff Jimmy Harris said Wednesday that Christopher Wright, 37, of Trenton, Ga., and Caleb Wright, 19, of Higdon, were arrested Sunday.

Harris said they broke into the home around 2 a.m. Sunday and took car keys, medication, about $200 in cash and $100 worth of jewelry. They were about to leave when one of the residents woke up, and they hid.

Christopher Wright sneaked out but Harris said Caleb Wright apparently passed out in his hiding place under the homeowner's bed.

The homeowner's wife found him around dawn and called a neighbor and police. The neighbor turned out to be Caleb Wright's grandfather. He turned the young man over to police.

Belle Vernon Area High School will present the zany comedy "See How They Run," by Phillip King. The auditorium curtain will rise 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The show – under the direction of Michael W. Rozell, involves a hilarious foot race though an English vicarage. It features an American actress and actor, a cockney maid and a spinster, among others. Preparing, from left, are Mario Leone, as the Rev. Lionel Toop; Katey Sheehan, as Penelope Toop; Rachael Pluebell, as Miss Skillon; and Shawn Scheponik, as Cpl. Clive Winton.

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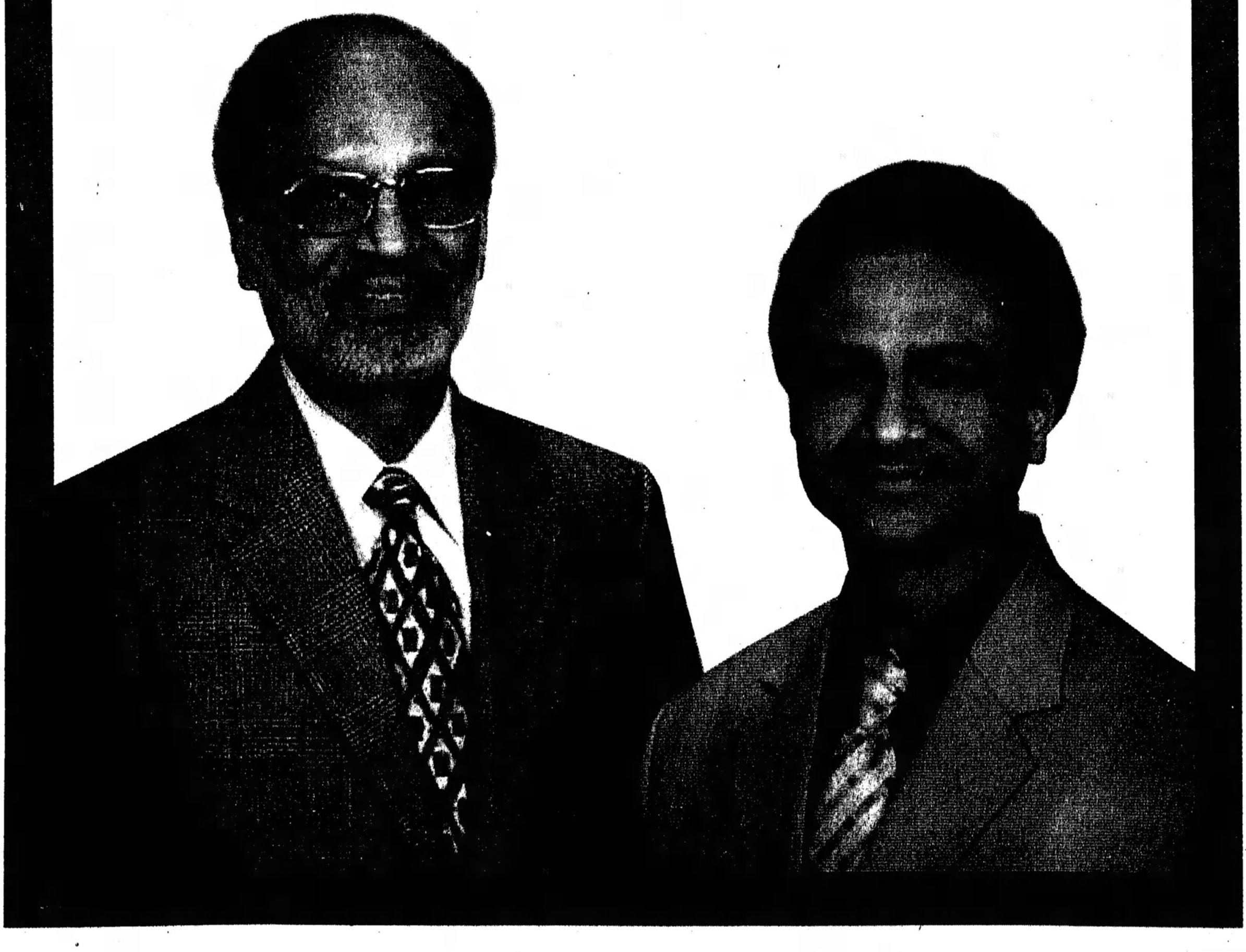

Play it again, Sam

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford is back from injury hoping to save the Sooners. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Phillies take Game 1

It was a familiar sight when the World Champions took on the Dodgers in the NLCS as the champs won, 8-6. **3B**

Cincinnati roars

The Bearcats won a battle of unbeatens with South Florida, but may have lost their quarterback in the process. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Who scored the first touchdown in the Belle Vernon Area-Ringgold series which started in 1969 at Legion Field in Donora? **4B**

Last night's games

Washington 4, San Jose 1
Colorado 3, Montreal 2
Detroit 5, Los Angeles 2
Ottawa 7, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago 3, Nashville 1
Phoenix 3, St. Louis 2, OT

BV Area, Ringgold: Lots on the line

By BRIAN HERMAN
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The Belle Vernon Area-Ringgold football rivalry may be only 40 years old but it's had more than its share of interesting storylines.

There was Jeff Petrucci starting his coaching career at Ringgold in the 1960s, winning three conference titles and 47 games in six years at BVA in the 1970s before coming back to the Rams for the past three seasons the last two as head coach.

There was Bill Connors going from Ringgold to BVA where he won 45 games in eight campaigns in the mid 1980s and early '90s.

There was Scott Zolak transferring from BVA to Ringgold for his senior year.

There was Cam Totedo leaving the Rams during the season to play for the Leps.

Among the coaches on both sidelines have been Chuck Abramski and Tom Domen to name a few as well as present day aides Tommy Thompson, Erik Gill and Mike Metikosh.

Although the Leps and Rams will be colliding for the 27th time tonight at 7 at James Weir Stadium, it's a first for the two young opposing coaches - Aaron Krepps at BVA and Lloyd Price at Ringgold.

Even though both were standout gridders not too long ago neither played against each other since the Rams were a Quad A member at the time and the Leps in Class AAA.

Price

The Big 7 Conference title may not be on the line for either the Rams (2-4, 0-3) or Leps (3-3, 1-2)) but a playoff spot is.

Ringgold has to win its final three games while BVA needs a pair of wins to advance.

The Rams' last two contests are home with West Mifflin and at Trinity while the Leps finish at unbeaten Thomas Jefferson and home with Elizabeth Forward.

Despite their losing conference marks, both teams are coming off impressive showings.

The Leps snapped a three-game skid with a 21-6 winat Trinity while Chartiers Valley needed a field goal with six minutes remaining to pull out a 24-22 decision over the Rams at Joe Montana Stadium.

The contest matches two of the conference's premier runners..

BVA's Matt Green is averaging 116

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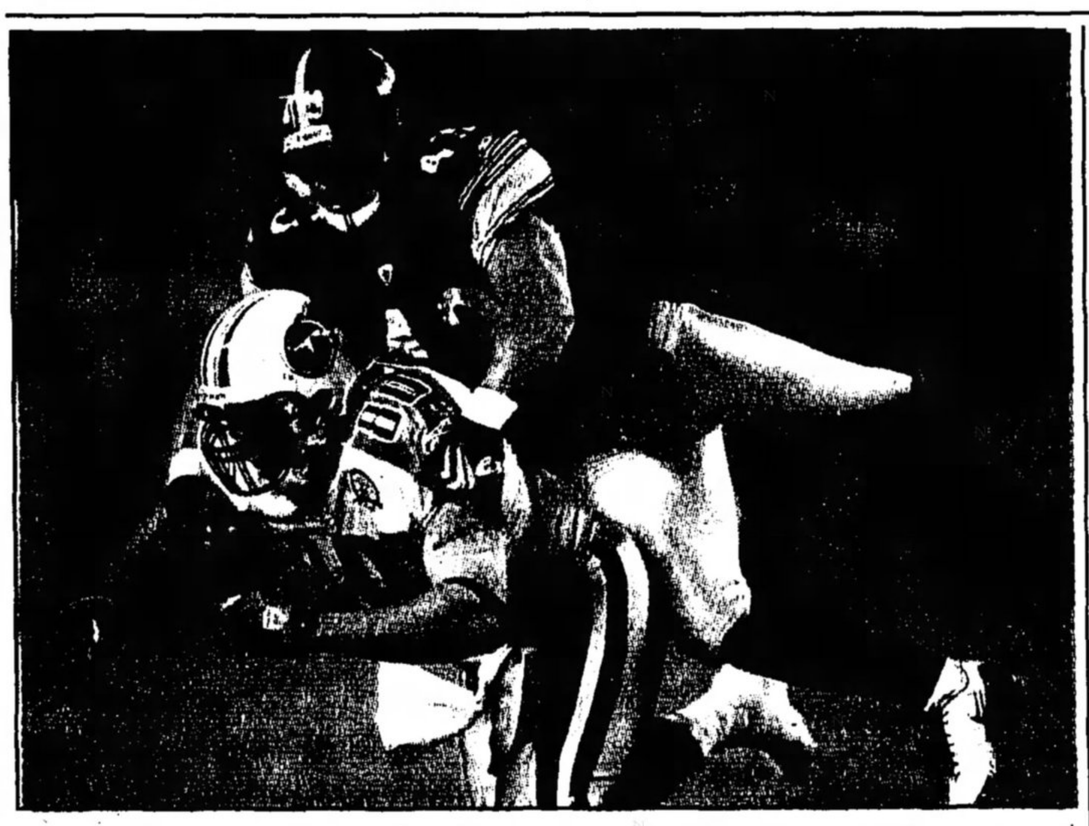

Troy Polamalu is set to return to the Steelers' defense and play Sunday against Cleveland.

Polamalu returns to Steelers' defense just at the right time

Safety has long been considered the key to team's top-ranked defensive unit.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Steelers' defense, one of the best in NFL history only a year ago, isn't the dominating unit it was expected to be. The once-relentless pressure is sporadic. The ability to finish off teams is vanishing.

Maybe that little bit of edginess — the quality that Browns coach Eric Mangini says makes the Steelers "salty" — is missing, too.

Troy Polamalu is about to see if he can bring it back.

"There's always opportunities in every game, and I just don't think we are seizing those opportunities that we normally make," said Polamalu, who watched the Steelers go 2-2 while he was out with a knee injury. "But all the problems that we had are easily fixable."

At least he hopes they are.

The Steelers (3-2) are fourth in overall defense and second against the run — hardly a huge falloff — but they're only 14th against the pass and 18th in points allowed after leading the NFL in both categories last season. And they'll play the rest of the season without defensive end Aaron Smith (rotator cuff), one of the NFL's best run defenders, starting Sunday against the Browns (1-4).

Since Polamalu went down with a torn medial collateral ligament in his left knee Sept. 10 against Tennessee, the fourth quarter has become a misadventure for a team that traditionally is as good as any in finishing off teams.

The Steelers have been outscored 55-13 in the fourth quarter, and 71-20 dating to the Super Bowl against Arizona. Those down-the-stretch failures cost them losses to the Bears and Bengals and endangered victories against the Chargers and Lions. Last season, by comparison, the Steelers won six times after trailing or being tied in the fourth quarter.

After Polamalu was hurt, the five-time Pro Bowl safety said he couldn't imagine any drop-off without him. Not surprisingly, there was a significant one by a defense that, in 2008, narrowly missed becoming the first since the 1970 NFL merger to lead the league in fewest points, yards, passing yards and rushing yards allowed in a season.

"That's a big plus for us because of the splash plays that he can make," defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau said Thursday of Polamalu's return. "There's only one Troy and when he's not on the field, we're not the same."

Polamalu won't concede the collapses wouldn't have happened if he had played.

His teammates know what they were missing, and they recall how many plays Polamalu made against Tennessee — including a one-handed interception — before he was hurt. Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, watching from afar, called them three of the finest plays he's seen a defensive player make, much less in one half.

"I'm excited to have him back," safety Ryan Clark said. "It makes other teams have to plan for him, makes them figure out where he's going to be on blitz

(See Polamalu, Page 4B)

Mendenhall is ailing

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers running back Rashard Mendenhall has missed practice with flu-like symptoms, allowing Willie Parker to get more carries with the starters as he returns from a two-week layoff with a toe injury.

Offensive coordinator Bruce Arians says whether Mendenhall or Parker will get the majority of the carries Sunday against Cleveland likely won't be decided until game time.

Mendenhall, a first-round draft pick last year, ran for 165 yards against San Diego and 77 against Detroit after Parker injured his left big toe Sept. 27 against Cincinnati. The Steelers are hopeful Mendenhall can practice today.

Charleroi-McGuffey moved to Ringgold due to weather

Monessen hosts Jeff-Morgan in T-C South feature game.

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Charleroi and Monessen both have big conference games scheduled at home tonight.

The once-beaten Cougars, however, won't be facing twice-beaten McGuffey at Charleroi Stadium in the Class AA Interstate Conference as slated.

Charleroi's grass field took a beating in last week's contest with Waynesburg and this week's inclement weather made the field unplayable.

As a result, Charleroi Athletic Director Bill Wiltz had to look for another site, preferably one with artificial turf.

After getting turned down by California University, Wiltz got the green light at Ringgold.

As a result, the Cougars will face the Highlanders at 7:30 p.m. at Joe Montana Stadium.

Playing on the Rams' field won't be a first for the Cougars.

In 1998, Charleroi was a 24-7 loser there to Washington in the quarterfinals of the WPIAL Class AA playoffs.

Ironically, the Charleroi fullback that season was the Cougars' third-year coach, Luke Mollis.

The Cougars are coming off a 14-7 victory over the Raiders which upped their winning streak to five, their longest since 2004.

Charleroi sophomore Quentin Briggs needs 83 yards to reach 1,000 for the second straight year.

McGuffey had a four-game winning streak snapped in a 22-8 loss at once-beaten Jeannette.

The Highlanders' other defeat was at unbeaten Mt. Pleasant, 17-6, in the opener.

Front-running Monessen, meanwhile, takes a four-game winning streak into its Tri-County South feature with Jefferson-Morgan, which shares second place with California and Beth-Center. The latter two teams collide at Beth-Center.

The Greyhouds' defense has allowed only six touchdowns in four conference games.

The Rockets' only loss was at Beth-Center, 44-13, three weeks ago.

Jeff-Morgan has averaged 35 points in its five wins.

The Rockets, however, won't have Hans Lubich, the team's leading rusher and receiver who was injured in last week's 33-0 romp over West Greene.

Cal, Edinboro in battle for PSAC West supremacy

Winner of Saturday's game will have a stranglehold on division race.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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The PSAC championship football game is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 7, at the home of the Eastern Division winner.

The PSAC West title game, however, may take place as early as tomorrow afternoon at Adamson Stadium at 3:30 p.m. when California (5-2, 4-0) faces Edinboro (6-1, 4-0) in a showdown of the two co-leaders.

Both teams are riding five-game winning streaks and showcase two of the conference's premier quarterbacks in the Scots' Trevor Harris and the Vulcans' Josh Portis.

Harris, the two-time PSAC West Offensive Player of the Year, is picking up where he left off the past two seasons.

A 6-3, 225 pound senior from Waldo, Ohio, Harris leads the conference with 1,827 passing yards, 261 passing yards a game and a rating of 153.

"He's one of the best quarterbacks in the country and is a pro prospect," said California coach John Luckhardt. "They build everything around him and he carries the team on his shoulders.

"You can't stop him," added Luckhardt. "Their offense is going to score points and you have to contain them."

Last year against Cal in the first-ever night game at Sox Harrison Stadium, Harris threw for 208 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 91 yards and a score, but the Vulcans pulled out a 35-31 win when Windell Brown went in from 4 yards out with 4:54 remaining.

While Harris may be the conference's top passer, Portis isn't far behind him.

After getting off to a slow start with one touchdown pass and three interceptions in close losses to Saginaw Valley and Bloomsburg, Portis has thrown 18 touchdown passes with one intercepton in the winning streak.

Portis, the league's top touchdown thrower with 19, hasn't been intercepted in his last 120 passes and brought up his passer rating to 150. He's averaging 203 yards in the air.

Edinboro, which is No. 2 in the Super One

Trevor Harris

Regional and as high as 12th in one national poll, is off to its first 4-0 start in the PSAC West since going 6-0 in 1995.

Harris' favorite targets are David Bostic (21 receptions for 222 yards), Gary Nolen (19 for 253), Nick Marino (19 for 237) and D'mar Jeter (16 for 208).

Bostic, a sophomore who missed the C.W. Post game with an injury, is coming off a two touchdown, 116 yard rushing game to spoil Indiana's Homecoming last week.

Edinboro's defense, meanwhile, is led by the Skelton brothers, Dan and Ryan, and lastyear's PSAC West Freshman of the Year Branden Williams.

Dan Skelton, a junior strong safety, is the Scots' leading tackler with 56, nine more than his younger brother, Ryan, a sophomore outside linebacker.

Williams has four interceptions including one

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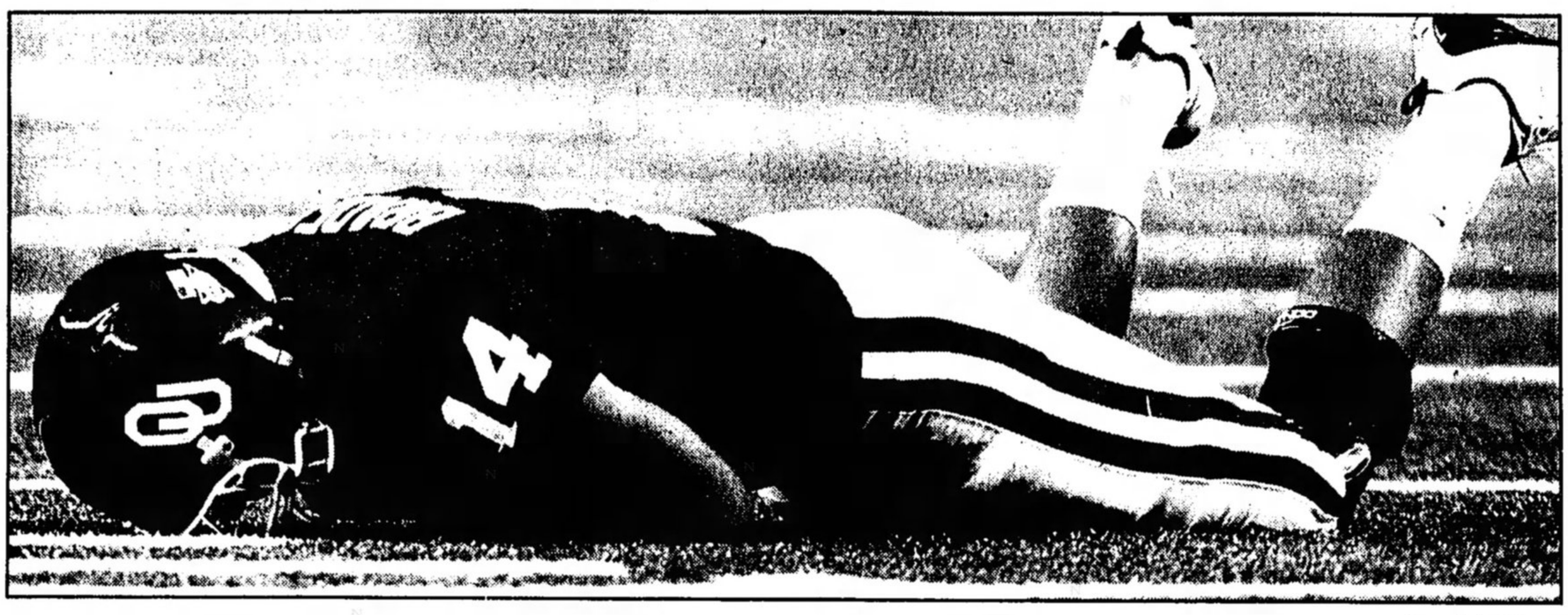


Associated Press

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford lies on the field after suffering a shoulder injury in the Sooners' season-opening loss to Brigham Young.

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM

OU's Bradford returns to save Sooners' season and boost his Heisman hopes

By JEFF LATZKE
AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. — Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford wasn't sure how his injured shoulder would hold up to a full day's work.

After 49 throws in No. 19 Oklahoma's 33-7 win against Baylor last Saturday, Bradford is ready for this week's rivalry game against No. 2 Texas in Dallas.

"I think that's something that we were all curious around here is how I would react to 3 1/2 to 4 hours in my pads, on and off, not throwing the whole time, kind of sitting on the bench, coming back and making some throws," Bradford said. "I felt like my arm responded great, and I felt good out there."

Bradford threw for 389 yards and a touchdown after missing the last month with a sprained AC joint in his right, throwing shoulder. It was the 14th 300-yard passing game of his career, matching the school record set by 2000 Heisman runner-up Josh Heupel.

And he could have had even bigger numbers if the Sooners' receivers didn't have trouble handling his passes. Bradford had a career-high 22 incomplete passes, most of them coming on flat-out drops or passes that at least hit his receivers' hands.

"To have been off as much as he has and go out there in his first go at it to play as well as he did, I thought he played great," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "He stays away from the poor, the negative plays or the bad plays and he had a great night.

"If you add in seven, eight, nine drops — you could cut that and say there's five legitimate that are dead right in their hands — he has an incredible night."

There had been concern that Bradford's shoulder wouldn't have the stamina to hold up to a full game, but he ended up matching the second-most passes he'd thrown in his career with a 27-for-49 performance.

The only time he had attempted more passes was when he threw 53 against Kansas last season. He had never had more than 19 incomplete passes in a game.

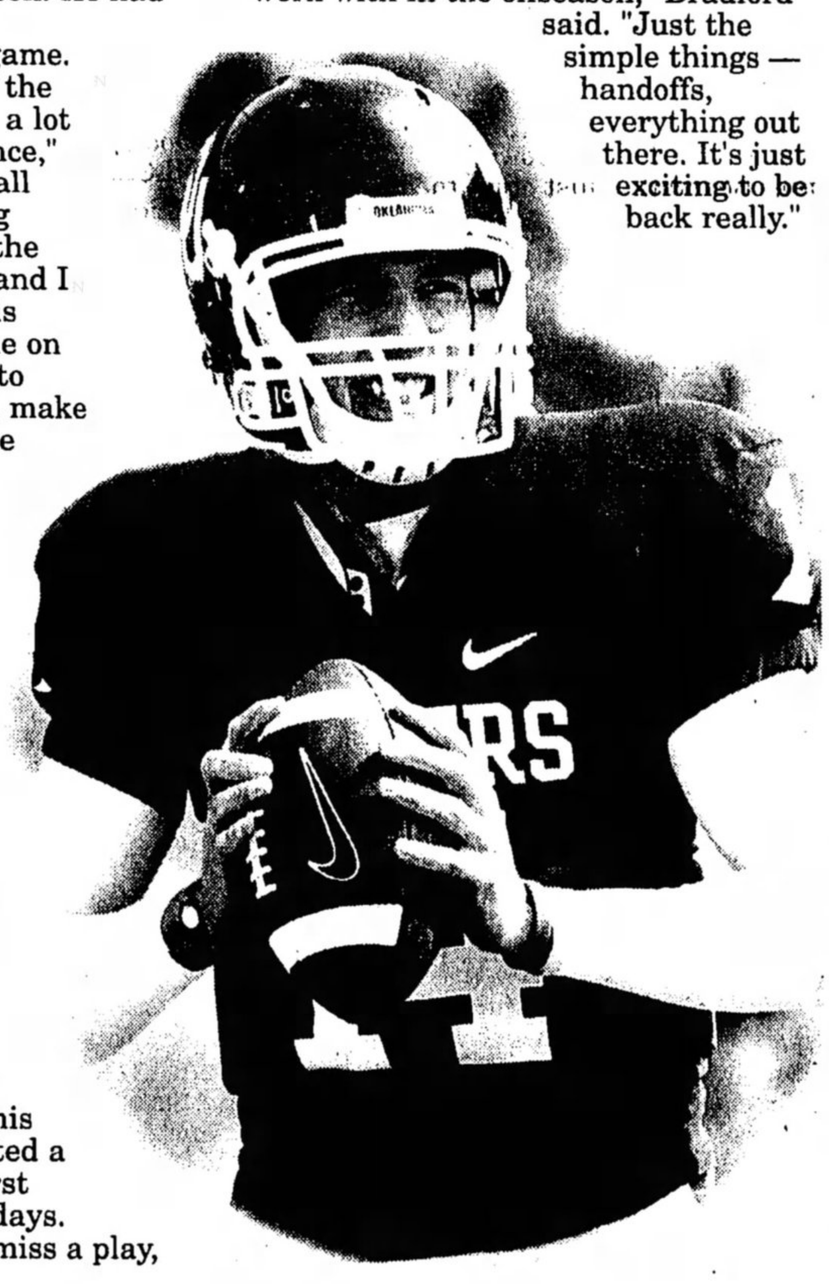
"I was disappointed in the drops, but again I think a lot of that is just inexperience," Stoops said. "We've got all kinds of yardage and big plays if we'd just catch the ball better. I'm hopeful and I believe that the ability is there. It's just time, time on the field for those guys to make improvement and make those plays when they're there to make."

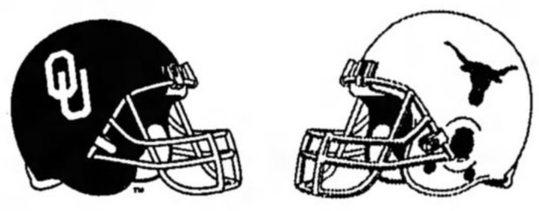
Bradford skipped part of Oklahoma's pregame routine while the rest of the team's quarterbacks were practicing throwing and then jogged to the locker room while his teammates were stretching as he tried to keep from wearing his arm out before the game even started.

Then came a real scare when trainers huddled around Bradford after he stepped awkwardly on an incomplete pass on his first drive and aggravated a right calf strain that first bothered him in two-a-days.

Bradford, who didn't miss a play, called that injury "no big deal." The shoulder is looking that way, too, after he went through a month of frustration not knowing exactly when he'd be able to come back.

"It's extremely gratifying just to get back on the field, just to be out there with the guys that I've put in so much work with in the offseason," Bradford said. "Just the simple things — handoffs, everything out there. It's just exciting to be back really."





Game of the Week

No. 20 Oklahoma vs. No. 3 Texas, noon Saturday on ABC. Stakes are always high in the Red River Rivalry and this year the 3-2 Sooners can salvage their season with an upset of the Longhorns. OU quarterback Sam Bradford is back from injury to challenge Texas' Colt McCoy.

Spotlight Games

No. 6 USC at No. 25 Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on NBC. The Trojans have won the last seven meetings over the Irish in this once-hot rivalry.

Williams

No. 4 Virginia Tech at No. 19 Georgia Tech, 6 p.m. Saturday on ESPN2. The Yellow Jackets are the last ranked team on the schedule for star running back Ryan Williams and the Hokies.

Area Teams

Today
Pittsburgh at Rutgers, 8 p.m., ESPN
Saturday
Minnesota at No. 14 Penn State, 3:30 p.m., ABC
Marshall at West Virginia, 3:30 p.m.

Small Colleges

Quarterback Nick Hicks has the Richmond Spiders atop the The Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision poll. The top 10:

	W-L	Points
1. Richmond (119)	5-0	3,253
2. Northern Iowa (11)	5-1	3,050
3. Montana	5-0	2,936
4. New Hampshire (1)	5-0	2,923
5. Southern Illinois	4-1	2,646
6. Villanova	5-1	2,557
7. William & Mary	5-1	2,403
8. Elon	5-1	2,292
9. Appalachian State	3-2	2,219
10. Central Arkansas	4-1	2,129

Quotable

"It's sort of hard to sleep. I keep replaying the game in my head a billion times."

Arizona quarterback Nick Foles, whose pass hit a receiver's foot and was intercepted and returned for a touchdown that gave Washington a 36-33 victory last week.

Kansas players disappointed with fans

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas sports fans, long known for their diehard devotion to the school's basketball team, apparently are not yet as devoted to the football team.

Jayhawk quarterback Todd Reesing and safety Darrell Stuckey told the Topeka Capital-Journal that they are disappointed the fans, particularly students, continue to leave games in droves at halftime.

They were especially discouraged on Saturday, when the No. 17 Jayhawks had only a 20-17 lead over Iowa State at halftime in the Big 12 opener for both schools.

"It is disappointing when you're in a conference game and you're a top 20 team and you're in a close game where you could really use some fan support, and half the student section leaves," Reesing said. "All the guys notice that on the team. It's hard not to notice."

Highs were only in the 40s on Saturday, but Reesing said that wasn't a good excuse.

"That's football weather right there," he said. "I really don't know why (they left). It was a homecoming game, it was close at half and to see that many people leave is disappointing to tell you the truth."

The complaint is not a new one at a school known for years as a basketball powerhouse.

The Jayhawks football program has only recently garnered national recognition after dramatically improving under coach Mark Mangino.

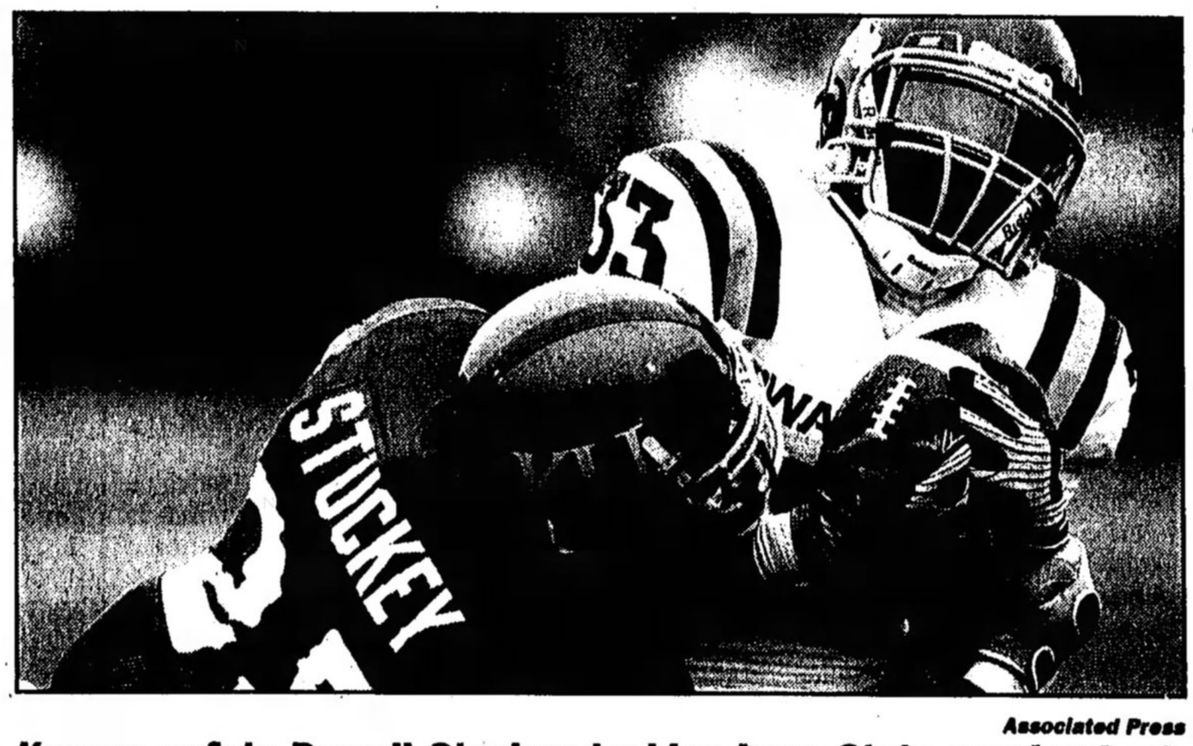
The Jayhawks went to the Orange Bowl in 2007 after starting the season 11-0 and won a total of 20 games the last two seasons, the best two-year span in school history.

At a kickoff rally before this season started, Mangino implored a crowd of thousands to make Memorial Stadium a hostile place for visiting teams.

Reesing said fans might not understand how important their support is during the game.

"There's some pretty big third downs and fourth downs in the second half that, having a loud crowd and having fans cheer for our defense really helps," Reesing said. "Hopefully that won't be a continuing trend. We're going to be playing a lot tougher games where we're gonna need that whole stadium full of people yelling and cheering for us."

When Stuckey, a senior captain, was asked what it would be like to have a Kansas player win the Heisman trophy, he responded by suggesting maybe the fans "would start loving football a little more. I think they'd stay at the game a little longer."



Associated Press

Kansas safety Darrell Stuckey tackles Iowa State running back Alexander Robinson in Saturday's game. Stuckey and quarterback Todd Reesing made comments this week about fan support.

But he's trying to stay positive.

"You can't just play for the people in the stands that are leaving, you have to play for those that are still there and still love the game passionately," he said. "Regardless how cold it is, regardless what happens, it's still a game of pride. There's still more people there than left, so look at it as half full instead of half empty.

"There's teams across the nation that struggle to get 10,000 fans there, let alone us having over 50,000 almost every game."

SPORTS

FEARLESS FIVE

FOOTBALL PICKS 2009

	HERMAN	DEVORE	NACCARATO	OLIVER	WALD
Ringgold at BVA	BVA	BVA	BVA	BVA	BVA
McGuffey at Charleroi	Charleroi	Charleroi	Charleroi	McGuffey	Charleroi
Edinboro at Cal U	Cal U	Cal U	Cal U	Cal U	Cal U
Pitt at Rutgers	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt
Oklahoma at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Steelers at Browns	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Ravens at Vikings	Ravens	Vikings	Vikings	Ravens	Ravens
Giants at Saints	Giants	Giants	Giants	Saints	Giants
Bears at Falcons	Falcons	Bears	Bears	Falcons	Bears
Broncos at Chargers	Chargers	Broncos	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers
Last week	3-7	4-6	3-7	6-4	4-6
Season record	29-21	26-24	25-25	31-19	34-16

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Phillies take Game 1

Champs take charge in NLCS with 8-6 win.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brad Lidge has regained that nasty slider. Ryan Howard and Carlos Ruiz are stroking big hits. Cole Hamels is winning postseason games without his best stuff.

Boy, this is looking real familiar for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ruiz and Raul Ibanez hit three-run homers, reliever Ryan Madson got a key out and Lidge finished off the Phillies' 8-6 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 1 of the NL championship series Thursday night.

"We do have the talent and just that sort of fight, that we're going to do everything we can to get those big hits in those big moments," Hamels said. "Our offense is really what's setting the tone."

Philadelphia took a 2-0 lead in last year's best-of-seven NLCS, beat the Dodgers in five games and went on to win the World Series.

"Well, they had our number today," Dodgers catcher Russell Martin said. "Tomorrow is a different day, and last year is over with."

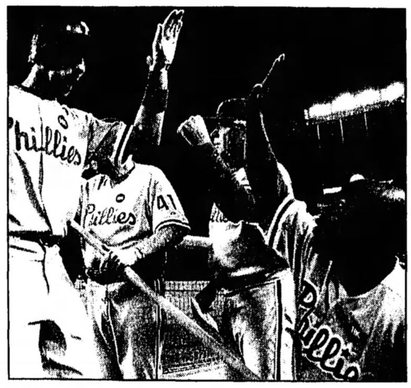
Manny Ramirez homered, but grounded out weakly with two runners on against a struggling Madson to end the Dodgers' two-run rally in the eighth. Their 14 hits set a club record in a single LCS game, but they stranded 10 runners.

"It's like a prize fight, we just came up a little short," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said.

Lidge worked around a single and a walk in the ninth, helped by a double play that made him for 3 for 3 in save chances this postseason — he posted three saves against the Dodgers in last year's NLCS.

Lidge was perfect in save tries all last year, but led the majors with 11 blown opportunities this season.

"The Dodgers are a great team. They come from behind a lot so you take everyone seriously," he said. "Honestly, for some reason I've really been locked in this postseason. I felt really good mechanically. I feel like myself. I feel pretty comfortable right now."



Philadelphia Phillies' Raul Ibanez, left, is congratulated after hitting a three-run home run during the eighth inning.

Home runs dominated on both sides in a game that lasted 4 hours, 2 minutes. Ruiz highlighted a five-run burst in the fifth and Ibanez homered in the eighth for an 8-4 lead as the Dodgers failed to neutralize the Phillies' left-handed hitting.

"The Dodgers aren't going to back down. We know they're going to come in waves and continue to fight, and that's what they did," Howard said. "We just needed that one big hit to kind of get us over the hump, and Carlos came through. We got guys on, and guys came through when we needed big hits."

James Loney also connected for the Dodgers. Ramirez, baseball's all-time postseason home run leader with 29, hit a two-run shot.

Los Angeles will start Vicente Padilla against Philadelphia's Pedro Martinez on Friday afternoon in Game 2.

Hamels thrived under pressure last October, earning NLCS and World Series MVP honors. But the left-hander hardly resembled the same pitcher in earning the victory, giving up a postseason career-high eight hits and two homers. He allowed four runs in 5 1-3 innings.

It was his first outing since he left the ballpark in the division series against Colorado to be with his wife as she prepared to give birth.

"It doesn't look good on paper, but there were a lot of times where the counts were in my favor and I kept them off-balance," Hamels said. "Unfortunately, some of the results weren't there, but in the key situations, I was able to get what I needed."

At 21 years and 211 days, Clayton Kershaw was the youngest pitcher ever to start a Game 1 in a league championship series, and it showed.

The Dodgers lefty was tagged for five runs in the fifth, when he set a LCS record for most wild pitches in an inning with three. He also tied the record for most wild pitches in a LCS game, shared by Tommy John and Juan Guzman.

"The first four innings I felt great, and then I couldn't make adjustments fast enough. In the playoffs, you're not going to have a lot of leverage. If you don't make your pitches, before long you're out of there," he said.

"I just got out of the strike zone a little bit, and that's what happens. They make you pay for that."

Kershaw allowed four hits in 4 2-3 innings and walked five in his second postseason career start. He worked out of the bullpen in last year's NLCS, which the Dodgers lost 4-1 to the Phillies. He was 0-2 with a 5.23 ERA in two starts against them during the regular season.

"It looked like he tried to overthrow the ball, got frustrated out there. Unfortunately, it got away from him quickly," Torre said.

Cincinnati rocks S. Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cincinnati will have to find a way to keep its high-octane offense going without Tony Pike for at least one more game.

The No. 8 Bearcats lost their starting quarterback to a sprained left wrist during Thursday night's 34-17 victory over No. 21 South Florida, and the severity of the injury will be determined by a specialist.

Coach Brian Kelly said Pike, who broke his left forearm last season and played with a plate and six screws that are still in place, will miss Cincinnati's next game, at home Oct. 24 against Louisville.

"The plate that's in there has shifted," Kelly said, adding that it has not been determined if the injury will require surgery. He expects to know more after Pike undergoes an examination on Friday.

The Bearcats (6-0, 2-0 Big East) did not make Pike available to the media in the locker room, citing team policy regarding injured players.

Without the senior, who's thrown for 1,633 yards, 14 touchdowns and three interceptions, Cincinnati rallied around backup Zach Collaros to put the game away.

The replacement scored on runs of 74 and 3 yards after Pike threw a pair of scoring passes to Armon Binns in the second quarter to help build a 17-10 halftime lead.

South Florida (5-1, 1-1) tried, but never truly adjusted to the Bearcats transforming themselves into a run-first team with Collaros in the game.

"We try to stay prepared for every circumstance," Kelly said. "Zach gets work on that during the week, and we had enough in there to be successful against a very, very good defense."

The Bulls led early on B.J. Daniels' 28-yard touchdown pass to Jessie Hester, and closed within 24-17 late in the third quarter when safety Nate Allen intercepted an ill-advised pass by Collaros to set up a 1-yard TD run by Daniels.

But Collaros, one of two freshmen quarterbacks who bailed Cincinnati out after two starters — Dustin Grutza and Pike — were injured early last season, was not rattled by the mistake. He led a six-play, 70-yard scoring drive that restored the 14-point lead.

"You never want to see your starting quarterback go down," Collaros said. "I just try to be as well-prepared as I possibly can."

Kelly was confident the sophomore could get the job done.

"He's a gamer. He's a competitive kid," Kelly said. "He's athletic, and we did what we had to do with him in the game, and that was obviously run him, control clock, play good defense and get out of here with a win."

BVA delays clinching playoff berth

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

There's good and bad news for the Belle Vernon Area High boys' soccer team.

First the bad news, the Leps didn't clinch third place and a final playoff berth with a 2-0 loss at Class AA Section 3 leading South Park Thursday.

"We played them tough and once we fell behind, we started to push up," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "Then they got behind us for the second goal."

The good news?

BVA (10-5-2, 7-4-2) closes the season at home with Yough Tuesday.

The Cougars are 0-14 including a 7-0 defeat to the Leps last month.

The Leps could lose and still make the playoffs if fourth-place Thomas Jefferson gets upset at home Tuesday by Elizabeth Forward.

Carlynton 3, Charleroi 0

The third-place Cougars were shut out for the second straight game by the Class A Section 4 champs.

"Obviously, we would have liked to have clinched by now, but we know what we need to do," said Charleroi coach George Watkins.

The Cougars (9-5-2, 6-4) are percentgae points ahead of Chartiers-Houston (6-8-3, 6-4-2), which closed its section season with a 1-1 tie with Bentworth.

Charleroi goes to Ringgold Saturday night before hosting Monessen Tuesday and Beth-Center in a make-up game.

RINGGOLD 3, TRINITY 1

The Rams snapped a three-game skid with a victory over the last-place Hillers in Class AAA Section 5.

EF 9, YOUGH 0

Tyler Abels and Justin Delmaster each recorded hat tricks to lead the Warriors to the Class AA Section 3 win.

Nick Ragan, Ryan Lizik and Jeremey Staffen had the other Elizabeth goals with Aaton Matta posting his second straight shutout.

The Warriors (9-8, 7-6) close their season Tuesday at Thomas Jefferson.

MONESSEN 3, SS BEAVER 2

The Greyhounds snapped an 0-6-2 skid with the road exhibition win.

Sam Merando scored twice and Alex Picciarelli once for Monessen (5-9-2).

"It was good to get back on the winning track," said Monessen Sam Perry. "I'm pleased with our effort and the kids played hard."

Monessen hosts Allderdice Saturday at 1 p.m.

Supremacy (FROM PAGE ONE)

for a touchdown.

Portis, meanwhile, has three talented receivers to throw to in 6-6 senior A.J. Jackson, 6-2 junior Terrance Moore and 5-11 sophomore Chedrick Cherry.

Jackson has caught 39 passes for 531 yards and 10 touchdowns and is the conference's second leading scorer with 62 points.

After catching only seven passes for 91 yards and no scores in the first three games, Moore had 16 receptions for 307 yards and seven touchdowns in the winning streak.

Cherry has the best average at 22 yards on 15 catches for 335 yards and two touchdowns.

Cal's ground game got a lift with theretun of senior running back Windell Brown, who' gained 132 yards in the last twooutings after missing most of the four previous games with an injury.

The Vulcans' top tacklers are inside linebackers Doney Brown and Anthony Robers with 40 and 37, respectively.

CAL CLIPS: Luckhardt's next win will be No. 200. California is averaging 33 points a game, three more than the Scots. Edinboro averages 404 total offense yards, 22 more than the Vulcans. California has been outscored 46-44 in the fourth quarter while Edinboro has had a 93-69 advantage in the final period.

SPORTS DIGEST

Cal Hall of Fame banquet tonight

The 15th annual California University Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled today at 5:30 p.m. at the Natali Student Center.

This year's inductees include Bryan Hartung, Pat Hobart, Sameera Philyaw, Joe Sarra, Chad Scott, Becky Siembak and Marty Uher,

Also being honored will be the college's 1979 PSAC championship baseball team.

BV Area, Ringgold volleyball losers

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold's volleyball teams were losers Thursday.

Derry Area swept the Lady Leps, 25-11, 25-19 and 25-11 while the Lady Rams had a 25-23 win over Upper St. Clair between 25-17, 25-21 and 25-7 defeats.

Ashley Fiorino and Michelle Baxendell (6 sevice points) and Bryana Lewis (5 kills) looked best for BVA with Sam Helmantoler (16 kills), Kelly Becquet (12 kills) and Rachel Jubic (10 digs) standing out for Ringgold.

Charleroi cagers down Monessen

Charleroi Middle School's basketball team upped its record to 13-0 with a 28-15 win over Monessen.

Mariah Johnson had eight points for Monessen.

Pitt, Rutgers set for spotlight tonight

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — For the past six weeks, Greg Schiano has been calling his Rutgers team a work in progress as it knocked off a couple of lower division opponents and two struggling programs.

Now it's time for all the pieces to come together for Rutgers (4-1, 0-1 Big East).

The Scarlet Knights return to conference play tonight against preseason favorite Pittsburgh (5-1, 2-0) in a game that is a must-win if Schiano's team wants to have any shot at its first conference title.

"Friday night, under the lights, it's going to be a great atmosphere, the stadium is going to be packed," said Rutgers running back Joe Martinek, who has a team-high five touchdowns. "We just have to get our minds right with the short week, and get ready to play a Big East game.'

The Scarlet Knights' first conference game this season was an embarrassing 47-15 loss to now No. 8 Cincinnati. The Bearcats rolled up 500-plus yards in offense in a nationally televised game that sent a packed Labor Day crowd home early.

BV Area cagers top Brownsville

The trio of Megan Staley (8), Kaitlyn Slagus (7) and Jenna DiPerna (6) combined for 21 points in Belle Vernon Area Midle School's 36-14 win over Brownsville. The Little Lady Leps upped their section record to 9-1 and overall mark to 12-7.

Trivia answer

John Radic on a 55-yard punt return in the Leps' 21-20 victory.

On the line (FROM PAGE ONE)

yards a game while Ringgold's Dylan Patch, playing his first full game at quarterback, burned the Colts for 195 yards including touchdown runs of 79 and 71 yards.

"Green is an outstanding running back," said Price. "They're a good football team and getting better. They can pound the football and it will definitely be a challenge."

"Patch is very athletic and we're going to have to contain him" said Krepps. "And their defense did well against Thomas Jefferson's running game."

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SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	7	6	1	0	12	28	14
Pittsburgh	7	6	1	0	12	24	17
Philadelphia	5	3	1	1	7	19	15
New Jersey	5	3	2	0	6	14	15
N.Y. Islanders	4	0	1	3	3	9	13

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	6	4	2	0	8	19	15
Buffalo	4	3	0	1	7	10	5
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	16	19
Montreal	6	2	4	0	4	14	21
Toronto	6	0	5	1	1	13	28

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	7	3	2	2	8	26	22
Tampa Bay	6	2	2	2	6	16	23
Carolina	6	2	3	1	5	15	20
Atlanta	3	2	1	0	4	12	9
Florida	5	1	4	0	2	10	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	7	5	1	1	11	26	19
Columbus	5	4	1	0	8	14	11
Detroit	6	3	3	0	6	19	21
St. Louis	5	2	2	1	5	14	15
Nashville	6	2	4	0	4	8	20

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	7	5	1	1	11	24	15
Calgary	7	4	2	1	9	25	25
Edmonton	6	3	2	1	7	23	19
Vancouver	5	2	3	0	4	17	17
Minnesota	5	1	4	0	2	12	18

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	6	4	2	0	8	14	9
Los Angeles	7	4	3	0	8	23	24
Anaheim	6	3	2	1	7	16	16
San Jose	7	3	3	1	7	21	22
Dallas	5	2	0	3	7	20	14

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Washington 4, San Jose 1
Colorado 3, Montreal 2
Detroit 5, Los Angeles 2
Ottawa 7, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago 3, Nashville 1
Phoenix 3, St. Louis 2, OT

Today's Games

Atlanta at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Promoted Ron Hopkins special assistant to the general manager; A.J. Preller senior director, player personnel; Kip Fagg director, amateur scouting and Josh Boyd director, pro scouting.

National League

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Named Roy Clark vice president of player personnel. Johnny DiPuglia director of Latin American operations and Doug Harris director of player development. Promoted Kris Kline to director of scouting.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined Tennessee DE Kyle Vanden Bosch $5,000 for his hit during an Oct. 11 game.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled C Cal O'Reilly from Milwaukee (AHL). Reassigned F Mike Santorelli to Milwaukee.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled D Derek Joslin from Worcester (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned F Tyler Bozak to Toronto (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled C Keith Aucoin from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

TORONTO MARLIES—Signed G Adam Munro.

COLLEGE

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named Dr. Keith Clarke as director of division III governance and officiating.

APPALACHIAN STATE—Named Paul Mance director of development for wrestling.

LA SALLE—Named Terrence Stewart men's basketball video coordinator.

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	4	0	6	1
California	4	0	5	2
Mercyhurst	3	1	4	3
Clarion	3	1	4	3
Slippery Rock	2	2	5	2
Indiana	0	4	3	4
Gannon	0	4	2	5
Lock Haven	0	4	0	6

Saturday

1 p.m. - Mercyhurst at Clarion; Slippery Rock at Gannon; Indiana at Lock Haven

3 p.m. - Edinboro at California

Big East

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Pittsburgh	2	0	5	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	4	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Rutgers	0	1	4	1
Connecticut	0	1	3	2
Louisville	0	1	2	3
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Thursday

Cincinnati 34, South Florida 17

NBA preseason

Today's Games

Houston 124, Toronto 112
Miami 97, New Orleans 81
Dallas 113, Detroit 88
Utah 99, Portland 96
L.A. Lakers 98, Sacramento 92

Today's Games

Houston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sports dial

Today

Television

1:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Miccosukee Championship, golf.

1:45 p.m. - ESPN - Ghana vs Brazil, soccer.

Alex Rodriguez and the Yankees host the L.A. Angels, 8 p.m., on WPGH.

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Dollar General 300, auto racing.

4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Shriners Hospital Open, golf.

4:30 p.m. - WTBS - Philadelphia at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.

7:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Administaff Small Business, golf.

8 p.m. - WPGH - Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees, baseball.

8 p.m. - ESPN - Pitt at Rutgers, college football.

8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Dollar General 300, auto racing.

Radio

4:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Philadelphia at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.

7:30 p.m. - WJPA (1450) - Canon-McMillan at Mt. Leanon, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - McGuffey vs Charleroi at Ringgold, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Peters Township at Bethel Park, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WJAS (1320) - Norwin at McKeesport, high school football.

6:30 p.m.- WMBS (590) - Yough at Uniontown, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WQTW (1570) - Elizabeth Forward at Derry, high school football.

8 p.m. - WWSW (94.5 FM) - Pitt at Rutgers, college football.

8 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Los Angeles Angels at New York Yankees, baseball.

High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Thomas Jefferson	4	0	7	0
Chartiers Valley	4	1	6	1
West Mifflin	2	1	5	1
Belle Vernon Area	1	2	3	3
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	3	3
Trintty	1	3	1	5
Ringgold	0	3	2	4

Thursday

T. Jefferson 20, Char Valley 0

Today

Ringgold at BV Area
Trinity at West Mifflin
Elizabeth at Derry

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	3	0	5	1
Laurel Highlands	2	1	2	4
Uniontown	2	1	3	3
Albert Gallatin	2	2	3	3
Derry	2	2	2	4
Yough	1	3	1	5
Southmoreland	0	3	0	6

Today

Yough at Uniontown
Laurel Highlands at Albert Gallatin
Southmoreland at Grb. Salem

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	6	0	6	0
Charleroi	5	1	5	1
Jeannette	5	1	5	1
McGuffey	4	2	4	2
Washington	4	2	4	2
Greensburg Central	4	2	4	2
Waynesburg	1	5	1	5
Brownsville	1	5	1	5
South Allegheny	0	6	0	6
East Allegheny	0	6	0	6

Today

McGuffey vsCharleroi (at Ringgold)
Mt. Pleasant at South Allegheny
Jeannette at Washington
East Allegheny at Waynesburg
Grb. Central at Brownsville

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	4	0	4	2
Jefferson-Morgan	3	1	5	1
Beth-Center	3	1	4	2
California	3	1	4	2
Carmichaels	2	2	2	4
Geibel	1	3	2	4
West Greene	0	4	0	6
Mapletown	0	4	0	6

Today

Jeff-Morgan at Monessen
California at Beth-Center
Mapletown at West Greene

Saturday

Carmichaels at Geibel (Noon)

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	4	0	5	1
Serra	3	1	5	1
Fort Cherry	2	2	4	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	2	4	2
Burgettstown	2	2	3	3
Frazier	2	2	3	3
Bentworth	0	4	1	5
Avella	1	3	2	4

Today

Clairton at Burgettstown
Avella at Bentworth
Fort Cherry at Frazier
Serra at C-Houston

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	5	10	49	41	29
Chicago	10	7	11	41	38	34
New England	10	10	8	38	32	37
Toronto FC	9	10	9	36	36	41
D.C.	8	8	12	36	40	42
Kansas City	8	12	8	32	29	37
New York	4	19	6	18	22	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Houston	12	8	8	44	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	11	44	34	31
Seattle	10	7	11	41	33	26
x-Chivas USA	13	9	5	44	30	25
Colorado	10	8	10	40	41	33
Real SaltLake	10	11	7	37	40	34
FC Dallas	1	0	12	6	36	47
San Jose	7	13	8	29	34	46

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched conference

Saturday's Games

Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 18		
Week Six		
WASHINGTON	6 1/2(37)	Kan. City
CINCINNATI	5 (45)	Houston
PITTSBURGH	14 (38)	Cleveland
MINNESOTA	2 1/2(43)	Baltimore
J'VILLE	10 (42)	St. Louis
N. ORLEANS	3 (48)	NY Giants
Carolina	3 1/2 (40)	TAMPA BAY
GREEN BAY	13 1/2(48)	Detroit
Philadelphia	14 (41)	OAKLAND
SEATTLE	2 1/2(47)	Arizona
NY JETS	9 1/2(38)	Buffalo
N. ENGLAND	9 1/2(43)	Tennessee
ATLANTA	3 (46)	Chicago
Monday, Oct 19		
SAN DIEGO	4 (44)	Denver

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Pittsburgh	3 1/2	RUTGERS
Saturday		
a-Texas	3 1/2	Oklahoma
BOS. COLL.	2 1/2	N. Carolina St
Ohio St	13 1/2	PURDUE
Bowling Gr.	3	BALL ST
MICH. ST	13	N'western
WISCONSIN	2 1/2	Iowa
Virginia	4	MARYLAND
CLEMSON	7	Wake Forest
IOWA ST	2	Baylor
MISSISSIPPI	22	Ala-Birm.
Georgia	8 1/2	VANDERBILT
AUBURN	13 1/2	Kentucky
TEMPLE	9	Army
C. Michigan	6 1/2	W. MICHIGAN
AIR FORCE	11	Wyoming
OHIO	13 1/2	Miami-Ohio
Nevada	9	UTAH ST
PENN ST	16 1/2	Minnesota
W. VIRGINIA	20	Marshall
ALABAMA	17	S. Carolina
Southern Cal	10	NOTRE DAME
California	3 1/2	UCLA
Houston	17	TULANE
NEBRASKA	10	Texas Tech
Texas A&M	5 1/2	KANSAS ST
Virginia Tech	3 1/2	GA TECH
OKLA. ST	7	Missouri
E. CAROLINA	18	Rice
BUFFALO	9 1/2	Akron
TCU	22	Colorado St
LA TECH	20	N. Mexico St
Kent St	6	E. MICHIGAN
IDAHO	10	Hawaii
Byu	18	SAN DIEGO ST
ARIZONA	4 1/2	Stanford
Illinois	3	INDIANA
SO. MISS	13 1/2	Memphis
b-TOLEDO	NL	N. Illinois
CONN.	12 1/2	Louisville
Kansas	9 1/2	COLORADO
Miami-Florida	14 1/2	C. FLORIDA
FLORIDA	25	Arkansas
Navy	8 1/2	SMU
ARIZONA ST	6 1/2	Washington
Utah	16	UNLV
FRESNO ST	19	San Jose St
UL-Lafayette	7 1/2	W. KENTUCKY
Troy	9	FLA INTER.
N. TEXAS	1 1/2	Fla Atlantic
Mississippi St	4	MID TENN ST
MICHIGAN	35 1/2	Delaware St

a-at Dallas, TX.
b-Toledo QB A. Opelt is doubtful.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Today		
NL Championship Series		
Best of Seven-Game Two		
LA DODGERS	Even-6	Philadelphia
Today		
AL Championship Series		
Best of Seven-Game One		
NY YANKEES	7 1/2-8 1/2	LA

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Peters Township	10	0	0	12	2	1
Upper St. Clair	8	2	0	13	2	1
Canon-McMillan	5	4	1	9	6	1
Moon	3	6	1	6	8	2
Ringgold	3	7	0	8	7	0
Trinity	0	10	0	2	15	0

Thursday

Ringgold 3, Trinity 1
Peters Township 2, C-McMillan 0
Upper St. Clair 3, Moon 0

Saturday

Charleroi at Ringgold (7:30 p.m.)

Class AA

Section 3

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	11	1	0	14	2	0
S'moreland	11	1	1	12	3	1
BV Area	7	4	2	10	5	2
T. Jefferson	7	5	1	8	7	1
Eliz. Forward	7	6	0	9	8	0
Steel Valley	4	9	0	5	10	0
Uniontown	2	10	0	2	13	0
Yough	0	13	0	0	14	0

Thursday

South Park 2, BV Area 0
Elizabeth 9, Yough 0
S'moreland 4, Thomas Jefferson 0
Steel Valley 2, Uniontown 0

Class A

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Grb. Central	13	0	0	13	4	0
Trinity Christian	10	3	0	11	5	0
Serra	8	4	0	11	5	0
Win. Thurston	7	5	1	8	6	1
Geibel	6	7	0	10	7	0
California	4	8	1	7	10	1
South Allegheny	2	11	0	2	13	0
Brownsville	0	12	0	0	16	0

Thursday

Trinity Christian 4, California 0
Grb. Central 5, Geibel 0
Winchester Thurston 5, South Allegheny 0

Section 4

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Carlynton	10	0	1	13	1	2
Bentworth	8	2	1	7	7	1
Charleroi	6	4	0	9	5	0
C-Houston	6	5	1	6	9	2
Monessen	2	7	2	5	9	2
Beth-Center	2	8	0	6	9	0
Brentwood	1	9	1	2	11	1

Thursday

Monessen 3, South Side Beaver 2
Carlynton 3, Charleroi 0
Bentworth 1, C-Houston 0

Saturday

Aliderdice at Monessen (1 p.m.)

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA

Section 5

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Lebanon	10	1	0	12	3	0
Canon-McMillan	9	2	0	12	5	0
Upper St. Clair	9	2	0	9	5	1
Ringgold	4	7	0	7	10	0
Eliz.-Forward	4	7	0	5	10	0
Trinity	3	8	0	5	10	0
West Mifflin	0	12	0	2	14	0

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
S'moreland	11	0	2	12	1	2
BVArea	11	0	2	13	2	2
Connellsville	9	4	0	10	7	0
Yough	6	7	0	9	8	0
Waynesburg	6	7	0	8	9	0
Laurel Highlands	5	8	0	6	11	0
Uniontown	2	11	0	3	12	0
Albert Gallatin	0	13	0	0	15	0

Class AA

Section 1

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
South Park	11	0	0	14	1	1
South Fayette	8	2	0	9	5	1
McGuffey	8	3	0	10	6	0
Bentworth	4	6	0	8	8	0
Charleroi	4	7	0	7	9	0
C-Houston	1	9	0	1	14	1
Beth-Center	1	10	0	3	11	0

Thursday

Beth-Center 2, C-Houston 0

Section 6

	Sec. W	Sec. L	Sec. T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Mt. Pleasant	10	1	0	13	4	0
Grb. Central	9	2	0	13	3	1
Geibel	8	3	0	10	5	0
Jeannette	5	4	1	7	6	2
Monessen	2	8	1	4	9	1
St. Joseph	1	9	0	3	11	0
East Allegheny	1	9	0	2	11	0

Thursday

Sewickley Acad. 3, Mt. Pleasant 2

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	101	88
New England	3	2	0	.600	104	91
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	77	116

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	97	127
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	120
Tennessee	0	5	0	.000	84	139

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	101	90
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	138	97
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	113	98
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	55	121

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	99	43
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	49	130
Kansas City	0	5	0	.000	84	138

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	0	0	1.000	151	71
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	127	86
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Washington	2	3	0	.400	73	82

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	102	63
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	57	104
Tampa Bay	0	5	0	.000	68	140

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	156	90
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	103	162

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	85	89
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	115	82
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	34	146

Sunday, Oct. 18

Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco

Monday, Oct. 19

Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

Baseball playoffs

Today

Philadelphia 8, Los Angeles 6. Philadelphia leads series 1-0.

Today

Los Angeles (Lackey 11-8) at New York (Sabathia 19-8)

Youth football

Mon Valley League

Midgets

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Yough	6	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	5	2	0
Norwin	4	3	0
South Allegheny	1	6	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	6	1	0
Frazier	5	2	0
Monessen	5	2	0
Southmoreland	4	3	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Beth-Center	6	1	0
California	4	3	0
Brownsville	1	6	0
Bentworth	0	7	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Donora	5	2	0
Charleroi	2	4	1
Union-Finley	1	5	1
Monongahela	0	7	0

Last week's results

Frazier 36, Brownsville 0
Union-Finley 22, South Allegheny 6
Beth-Center 30, S'moreland 12
Rostraver 32, California 0
Yough 24, Charleroi 0
Elizabeth 22, Donora 12

Mighty Mites

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Norwin	6	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	3	4	0
South Allegheny	2	5	0
Yough	1	6	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	7	0	0
Frazier	6	1	0
Monessen	4	3	0
Southmoreland	1	6	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Brownsville	5	2	0
Beth-Center	3	4	0
California	2	5	0
Bentworth	0	7	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Monongahela	6	1	0
Union-Finley	6	1	0
Donora	3	4	0
Charleroi	1	6	0

Last week's results

Monessen 30, Bentworth 0
Frazier 20, Brownsville 8
Union-Finley 28, South Allegheny 8
Beth-Center 26, S'moreland 8
Rostraver 38, California 0
Charleroi 6, Yough 2
Donora 32, Elizabeth 6
Norwin 8, Monongahela 0

Termites

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Elizabeth Forward	7	0	0
Norwin	6	1	0
South Allegheny	5	2	0
Yough	2	5	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Monessen	7	0	0
Rostraver	7	0	0
Frazier	5	2	0
Southmoreland	1	6	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
California	4	3	0
Beth-Center	3	4	0
Brownsville	1	6	0
Bentworth	0	7	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Monongahela	4	3	0
Donora	2	5	0
Charleroi	2	5	0
Union-Finley	0	7	0

Last week's results

Monessen 30, Bentworth 8
Frazier 20, Brownsville 0
South Allegheny 30, Union-Finley 0
Beth-Center 18, S'moreland 8
Rostraver 28, California 6
Charleroi 14, Yough 0
Elizabeth 28, Donora 0
Norwin 24, Monongahela 6

Tiny Mites

Northern Division

	W	L	T
Yough	6	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	6	1	0
Norwin	6	1	0
South Allegheny	3	4	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	7	0	0
Monessen	5	2	0
Frazier	4	2	1
Southmoreland	0	7	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Beth-Center	4	2	1
California	3	4	0
Brownsville	1	6	0
Bentworth	1	6	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Charleroi	4	3	0
Union-Finley	3	4	0
Monongahela	1	5	1
Donora	0	6	1

Last week's results

Monessen 20, Bentworth 0
Frazier 20, Brownsville 0
Union-Finley 14, South Allegheny 0
Beth-Center 44, S'moreland 12
Rostraver 22, California 6
Charleroi 6, Yough 0
Elizabeth 28, Donora 6
Norwin 22, Monongahela 0

Schedule

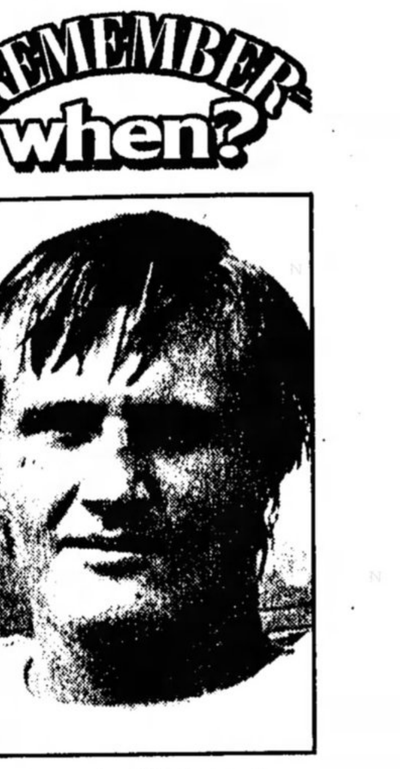
Saturday

Noon - Donora at Charleroi; Monessen at Rostraver; Monongahela at Union-Finley; Southmoreland at Frazier.

3 p.m. - Bentworth at Brownsville; Beth-Center at California; Norwin at Elizabeth Forward.

Sunday

Noon - Yough at South Allegheny.



Charleroi's Bob Petroka was an All-Mon Valley Conference fullback in 1970.

Polamalu

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protection and coverages. He worked really hard this offseason, and you could see how good of shape he was in that first game and how prepared he was. So it was really sad to see him go out so early."

The Steelers don't believe Polamalu is coming back too soon; they initially thought he would be out 3 to 6 weeks, and he's returning after four. Polamalu is wearing a brace that may slow him slightly but greatly protects the knee.

"I think another month (of rest) would make a huge difference," Polamalu said. "The season is short. The season is long when you're healthy, but short when you're injured because you don't have as much rest time."

While the Steelers aren't acknowledging it, they've dialed down their once-frequent blitzing without Polamalu to play more base defense. While they had seven sacks Sunday against Detroit, which has won once in 21 games the last two seasons, that was nearly as many as the eight they had in their first four games.

Polamalu simply is "hard to handle," Mangini said, and creates plays for other players with his speed, versatility and instincts even when he doesn't make one himself.

"He has great closing speed," Mangini said. "He's an excellent tackler. He's a good blitzer. He has good hands. He has great range. ... He seems like a really good guy. You appreciate those qualities from the outside looking in."

Browns quarterback Derek Anderson has opposed Polamalu in high school, college and the NFL, so he doesn't need to be told what having Polamalu means to Pittsburgh. The Browns are 31st in passing yardage and total yardage, and now they must go against one of the NFL's premier defenders.

"He trusts his instincts. He reads routes. He tries to read your eyes," said Anderson, who completed only 2 of 17 passes for 23 yards against the Bills on Sunday. "I know the magnitude and effect he can have on a game."

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Chris Tyree and Vern Davis both scored two touchdowns as Ringgold spoiled Monessen's Homecoming, 34-6.

The Pittsburgh Penguins called up goaltender Gordon Laxton from Syracuse of the AHL to replace injured Greg Millen.

Ringgold won the Big 10 Golf Tourney at Cedarbrook with the Rams' Scott Spragg and Dave Pollock finishing one-two at 81 and 84, respectively.

20 Years Ago

Subbing for injured Bubby Brister at quarterback, Todd Blackledge completed nine of 28 passes for 143 yards and a 14-yard touchdown to Rodney Carter in the Pittsburgh Steelers' 17-7 victory in Cleveland.

10 Years Ago

In the highest scoring game at James Weir Stadium, Belle Vernon Area downed Elizabeth Forward, 50-43. The Leps' Ryan Russell scored three touchdowns within six minutes of the second period with the Warriors' Pat Risha running for 227 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

Monessen routed Jefferson-Morgan, 40-0, with Milton Sanders running for 151 yards, including a 68-yard touchdown.

Jeremy Cole ran for 93 yards and three touchdowns in Ringgold's 47-0 romp at Uniontown.

Despite Jeff Dumm's 257 passing yards, Charleroi fell to 0-7 with a 38-22 loss at East Allegheny.

FEATURES

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Toy chest nice for holidays

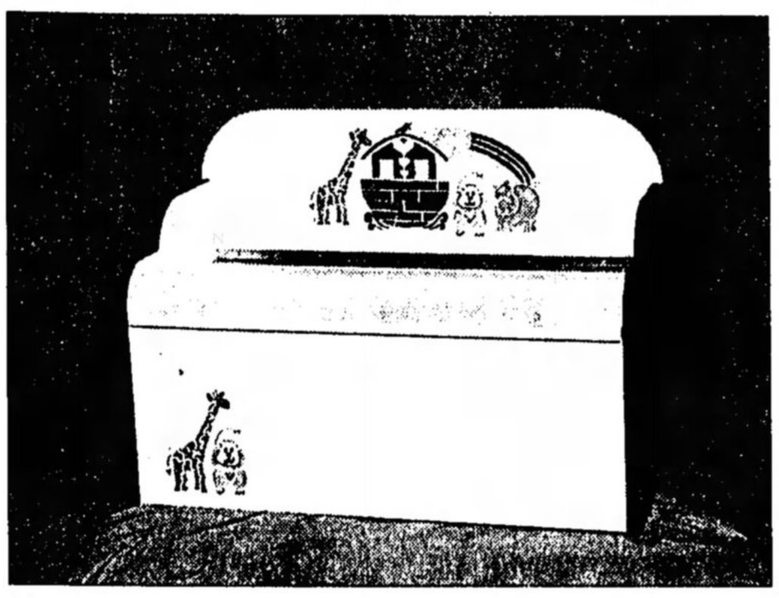
If you're a do-it-yourselfer with children – or grandchildren – you can build this toy chest and bench project just in time for the holiday rush.

A fun and simple way to add storage space to any child's room, it features a safe, sturdy design, a handy bench top perfect for reading or tying shoes and, of course, plenty of room for toys inside.

Cut from a single sheet of plywood, the project requires just six pieces in all and includes full-size patterns for all the curves.

To build, simply trace the pieces onto plywood, cut everything out, sand and assemble with glue and nails. Finish with nontoxic paint and decorate with stencils (as pictured) or decals, or personalize the project with the child's name.

The toy chest and bench measures about 32 inches long by 17 inches deep by 24 inches tall (at the back) and can be mounted on casters for easy mobility.



Toy chest

The Toy Chest and Bench plan, No. 248, is $9.95 and includes full-size traceable patterns, assembly instructions, construction diagrams, a shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of four plans for children's furniture, No. C79, is $24.95 and includes this project plus a table and chairs, a rocking chair and a desk. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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JOHN K. TENER LIBRARY

The John K. Tener Library has received the following:

Catherine A. Balieu

"Fallingwater Cookbook," by Suzanne Martinson, presented by the Roscoe Lions Club.

"Poetry Slam - The Competitive Art of Performance Poetry," by Gary Mex Glazner, presented by Olga Hilaire.

"Jim Thorpe - Original All-American," by Joseph Bruchac, presented by Mon Valley Retirees' Bowling League.

"Abraham Lincoln: From Pioneer to President," by E.B. Phillips, presented by Bob and Donna Horan.

Mary Lou Bandini

"Ireland & Empire - Colonial Legacies," "The Ecology and Conservation of River Turtle" and "The Box Turtle Manual," presented by Bernard Bandini.

Donald Barnosky

"Steelers - Five Greatest Games," DVD, presented by Maray Tutena, Elaine and Rupe Martinko and Marian and Ed Hank.

Dewey Bartolozzi

"Home Safe," by Elizabeth Berg, presented by S. Teavusau.

Doris Bartolozzi

"The Neighbor," by Lisa Gardner, CD, presented by Gilda Figler.

Barbara C. Bates

"Rachael Ray Yum-O - The Family Cookbook," presented by Fallowfield Township supervisors and employees.

Melvin Bassi

"WWII, A Chronology," by Col. Raymond K. Bluhm Jr., presented by Jack and Pat Jones.

Alberta Bigi

"Know Your Power - A Message to America's Daughters," by Nancy Pelosi, presented by Jim and June Yevincy.

"What Happened – Inside the Bush White House," by Scott McClelland, presented by Mon Valley Nurses' Association.

"The Africa Book - A Journey Through Every Country on the Continent," presented by Friends at Round Table - Mon Valley YMCA.

"Taste of Home Cookbook," presented by Sam and Sandra Telegraphis.

Charles Beerens Sr.

"Building Small Projects," presented by Richard and Barbara Mollenauer.

John Bonner

"The Legacy of Conquest - The Unbroken Past of the American West," by Patricia Nelson Limerick, presented by Char House residents.

Antionette Loenzi Boscan

"Vision in White," CD, by Nora Roberts and "Matters of the Heart," by Danielle Steel, CD, presented by Joanne Derrico Frandko and Conna Chaveriat Sabo.

Scott Brown

"Alcoholics Anonymous - The Story of How Many Thousands of Men and Women Have Recovered from Alcoholism," produced by The Recovery Zone, presented by Janet and Jim Lawton, Donald Rodibaugh and Lois and John Buberniak.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Beta Sigma Phi

Pennsylvania Alpha Phi Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, of Monessen, met Oct. 7 at Micki Campana's home.

President Jackie Taylor opened the meeting. Vice President Marky Frost led the opening ritual.

Recording Secretary Beverly Mascetta read prior meeting minutes, which were approved as read.

Frost reviewed the Beta Sigma Phi certification form and each individual's years of service in the organization.

Faith Wallace offered to check on the tickets for the ways and means project.

Taylor said October is "Cancer Awareness Month."

At an awards ceremony, Wallace was honored for 27 years membership in Beta Sigma Phi. She received a pin and certificate to recognize her faithful service in the organization. She also received a ceramic coffee cup decorated in a Halloween motif.

Julie Wisyanski will celebrate a birthday this month.

Wallace served as hostess for the meeting.

Mascetta won an orange, ceramic pumpkin and additional pumpkin decorations. Alice Selcan led the closing ritual.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 4 under Taylor's direction.

Information on "Make Over Your Diet" for good health was shared with members in addition to a brief presentation on facts relevant to Halloween. Details on pumpkins, jack o'lanterns and All Hallows Eve were distributed to members.

CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Calendar Paddle/Quarter Paddle Auction, to benefit a Fayette City-based dance center, Rostraver Central Fire Department, 1 p.m.

■ "Mobsters, Molls and Marinara," dinner theater, Sutersville Moose Lodge 1032, 6 p.m.

■ Apple sale pickups, Rostraver/West Newton Emergency Services Inc., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Health screening, Belle Vernon Lions Club, 435 Speer St., 7 to 10 a.m.

■ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification class, Charleroi American Legion.

■ Spaghetti dinner, St. Michael Knights of Columbus, McLay Drive, Elizabeth Township, noon to 6 p.m.

■ "Sprucin' Up, Sweepin' Up and Keepin' Up the Neighborhood," sponsored by Work Together Monessen, beginning at Dudas Building or Monessen Public Library, 9 a.m. to noon.

■ Craft show, Barren Run United Methodist Church, Smithton, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Spaghetti dinner, Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, 323 E. Donner Ave., noon to 6 p.m.

■ Apple festival, Fells United Methodist Church, Rostraver Township, 2 to 7 p.m.

■ Ham and turkey supper, Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, 45 Church Road, Eighty Four, 4 to 7 p.m.

■ Rostraver Township Lions Club chicken barbecue, Rostraver shopping center, Route 201, 11 a.m.

■ Angel Food pickups, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 to 11 a.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Youth Outreach program planned

Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ, 644 Reed Ave., Monessen, will sponsor a Youth Outreach program 7 p.m. Saturday. The event will feature songs, games, and a marshmallow and hot dog roast for people ages 6-18. For free transportation, call Gary Anderson at (724) 413-5908.

Monessen Historical Society party in works

The Greater Monessen Historical Society will sponsor a party featuring food items and ideas for entertaining 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Monessen Heritage Museum, 505 Donner Ave. Proceeds will benefit the museum and the veterans exhibit. For information, call the museum at (724) 684-8460.

Fire Chiefs' Association schedules meeting

The Fire Chiefs' Association of Westmoreland County will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Bradenville Volunteer Fire Department.

Harley Owners Group to meet

Harley Owners Group Chapter 4264, Donora, will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Rostraver Grange, 4325 Route 51, Rostraver Township.

Southwestern Chiefs, Assistants plan meeting

The Southwestern Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs Association will meet 8 p.m. Wednesday at the New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department.

Post 1190 seeks Veterans Day plans

Allison-Lescanic Veterans of Wars Post 1190, Monessen, who want to attend the veterans' luncheon at the Elks or participate in the Veterans Day parade should call (724) 684-4756.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: P equals J

"HUXDGIEKDH UX K OYMR YA EYNG. OG HUHD'L WY UDLY HUXDGIEKDH PJXL OULZ LZG UHGK YA CKRUDW CYDGI." - OKEL HUXDGI

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "You can't aim a duck to death." - Beverly Sills "What you don't do can be a destructive force." - Eleanor Roosevelt

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Legals

Iacoboni, Ralph
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Romilda Iacoboni, Executrix
737 Green Street
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Timothy M. Maatta, Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062
10/16,23,30

Modrak, Norma E.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of NORMA E. MODRAK, a/k/a NORMA E. MORGAN, late of Roscoe Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted thereto to make payment without delay and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement to the Executor or his attorney named below.

James W. Morgan,
Executor
PO Box 277
Roscoe, PA 15477

Frank C. Kocevar,
Esquire
223 Second Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
10/2,9,16

Estate Notices
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Semancik, Joseph A.
ESTATE NOTICE

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Paul A. Hayduk,
Co-Executor
16807 Westbourne Terrace
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Frances Ann Koschalk,
Co-Executor
318 Concord Lane
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Richard R. Victoria
Attorney at Law
506 Circle Drive
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-929-9823
10/2,9,16

Welsh, Louise L.
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF LOUISE L. WELSH, deceased, late of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

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Daniel D. Welsh
5028 Rosecrest Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15201
Executor

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10/16,23,30

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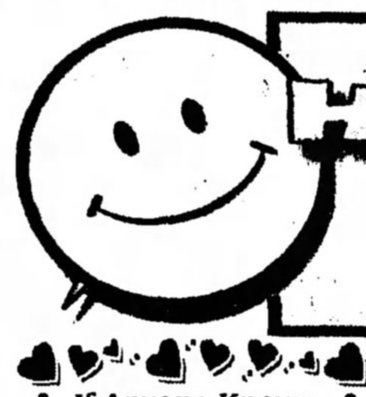

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Your Birthday
SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

In the year ahead, there is a strong possibility that you will become involved in a unique endeavor with two clever people who'll have much to offer. You will furnish the ideas, but they are likely to supply the means.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- This is not a day to let down and allow others to see your work. Keep control of all endeavors in your capable hands, because you're the one who will transform little into much.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- The reason for your success can be traced to one primary means. Your method for achieving an unusual objective will be unique and clever enough to do what others couldn't.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Because you'll take positive, practical measures to make things happen, you'll turn a dream into a reality. You'll do what associates only wish they could.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- Conditions are exceptionally fortunate, and consequently, you are capable of many outstanding achievements. The harder you try, the luckier you'll get, and the more you'll do.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- It would be a fortunate person who becomes associated with you and your endeavors. Your chances for success are much better than others, and powerful enough to carry others along.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- Even if you are out of sorts, you're lucky to have someone with your best interests at heart manage an important development better than you could yourself.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- You'll easily win the favor of others through your charm and sincerity. Even those you meet for the first time will be drawn to this wonderful and warm charisma.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Those of you who are working may be glad you had to go into the shop. You'll be in the right place at the right time to take advantage of an extremely lucky break that opens up at this time.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Several good, ongoing things will get even better as they expand into something more than you envisioned. There will be no limitations on the possibilities.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- Let events run their course because they will take all the proper and pleasing turns. As long as they're doing well, don't try to take the helm.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- Amicability and warmth are two words that describe you best. It'll seem to others that everything you say and do will be the right thing at the right time, pleasing even the hard hearts.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Conditions with regard to your financial well-being are outstanding at this time. Of course, you will still have to take advantage of chance and spin flax into gold.